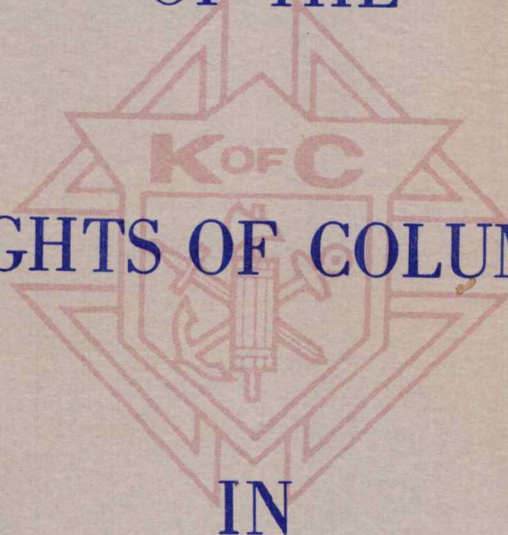


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**GULFPORT, MISSISSIPPI
MAY, 1972**





DEDICATED

TO

ALL OUR BROTHER KNIGHTS
WHO HAVE WORKED SO INDUSTRIOUSLY
AND TIRELESSLY THROUGH THE YEARS
TO ADVANCE CATHOLICISM AND COLUMBIANISM
IN THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
ALSO, THEIR WIVES WHO HAVE ENCOURAGED
AND ASSISTED THEM IN THEIR ACTIVITIES.





INTRODUCTION

Approximately 90 years ago through the tireless efforts of Reverend Michael Joseph McGivney an organization known as the Knights of Columbus obtained a charter from the State of Connecticut on March 29, 1882. Since its beginning it has grown to an organization of over one million Catholic men living by the cardinal principles of the Order: Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism.

Twenty-four years later it became established in Mississippi. The first Council of the Knights of Columbus chartered in Mississippi was known as the Meridian Council No. 802, and was organized on July 5, 1903.

Now 68 years later there are 18 active Councils in the State.

On the following pages we have attempted to sketch the history of these Councils through the years since their organization until the present time. Some of the Councils have been very active and the history reflects their many activities; other Councils have not been as active and naturally have not accomplished as much. Each Council has been listed in the order of its establishment in Mississippi. Unfortunately, several have fallen by the wayside but they have been mentioned here for the records.

We look to the future and pray that we may continue to grow and flourish and that when the next history is written the accomplishments will at least equal what has been recorded for posterity in these pages.

Editor.





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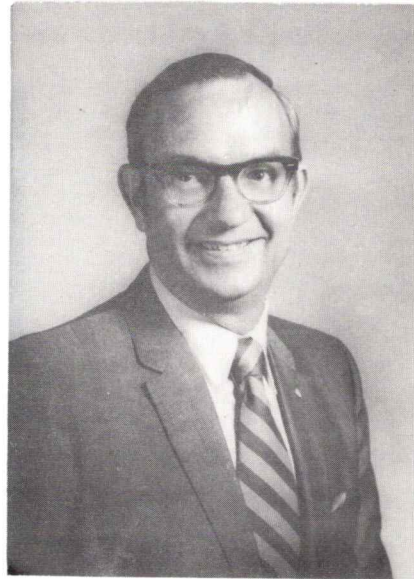




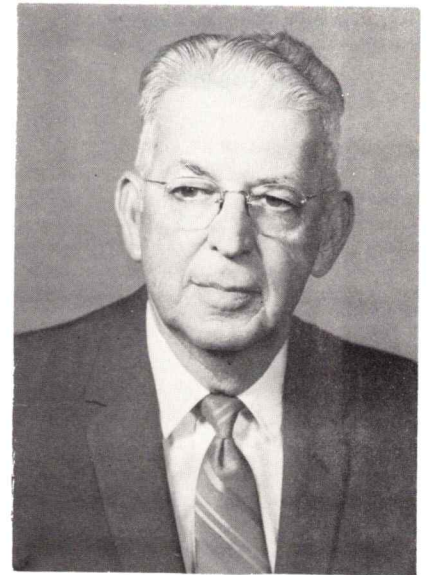
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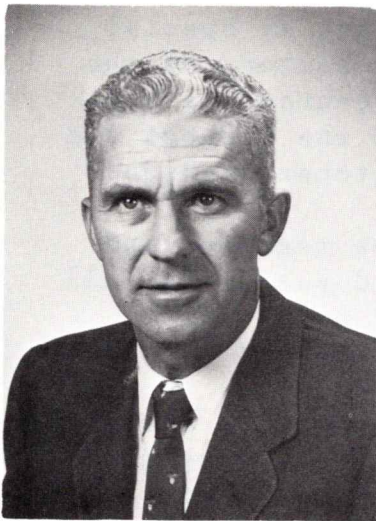
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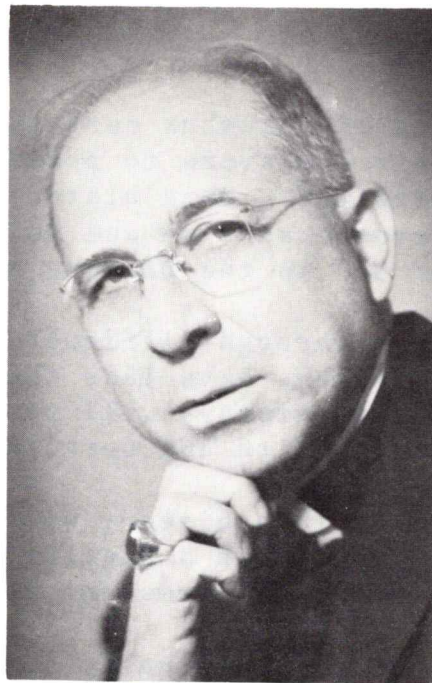
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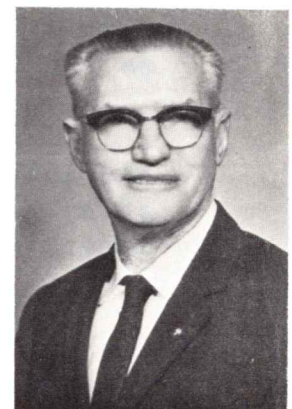
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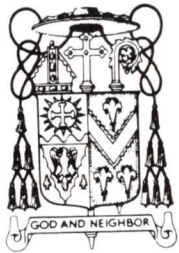


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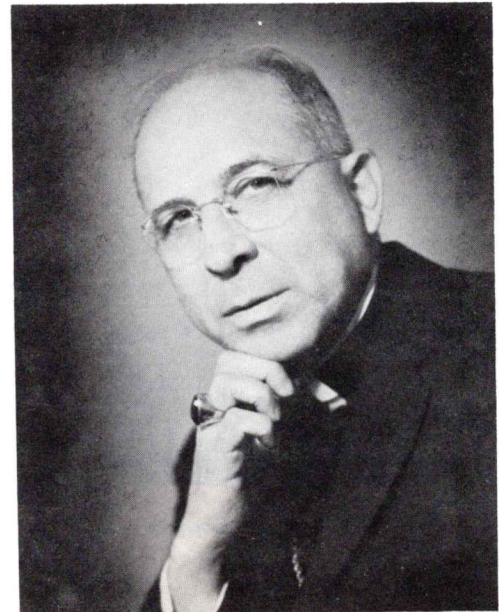


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November 3, 1970



Mr. F. J. Bartlett
Chairman-State History
2300 18th Avenue
Gulfport, Mississippi 39501

Dear Mr. Bartlett:

The Knights of Columbus certainly have my special blessings on their endeavors to present a history of the Knights in Mississippi. This history of course has been a long one of devoted service and help to the Bishops and to the People of God in the Diocese of Natchez-Jackson.

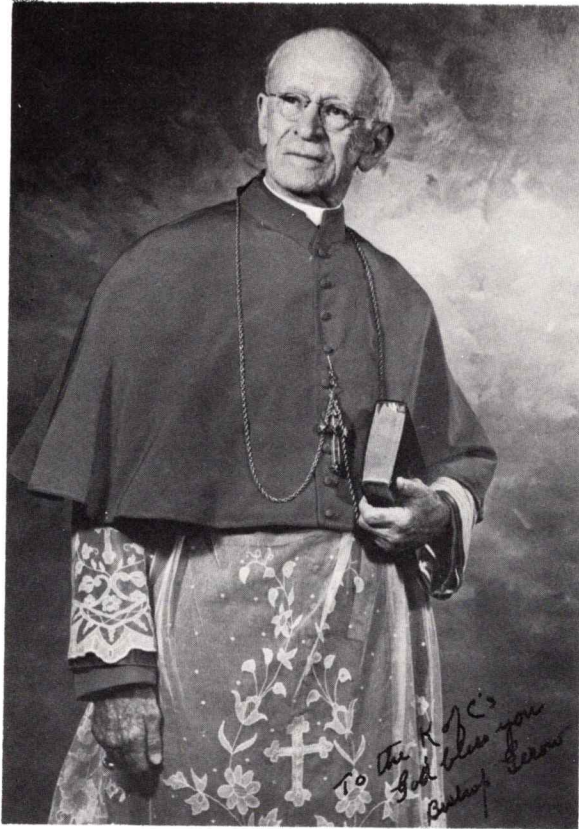
We have come through difficult times together and the Knights of Columbus have made the road easier for all of us. We know that history will portray a saga of determined Catholic Faith and service to God and man.

Trusting that this history will have a wide circulation and assuring you that such a history will be a most welcome addition to our Diocesan permanent records, I remain

Fraternally in Christ,

+ *Joseph B. Brunini*
Joseph B. Brunini
Bishop of Natchez-Jackson





BISHOP'S RESIDENCE
237 EAST AMITE STREET
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May 26, 1969

Mr. F. J. Bartlett
2300 18th Avenue
Gulfport, Mississippi 39501

Dear Mr. Bartlett:

I notice that the State Council of the Knights of Columbus is planning to compile a history of the Knights of Columbus in Mississippi. This is wonderful. The Knights have had a great history in Mississippi and have done a great deal of good for the Church both by their activities and their good example. So it is a happy thought to have this history compiled and I hope published.

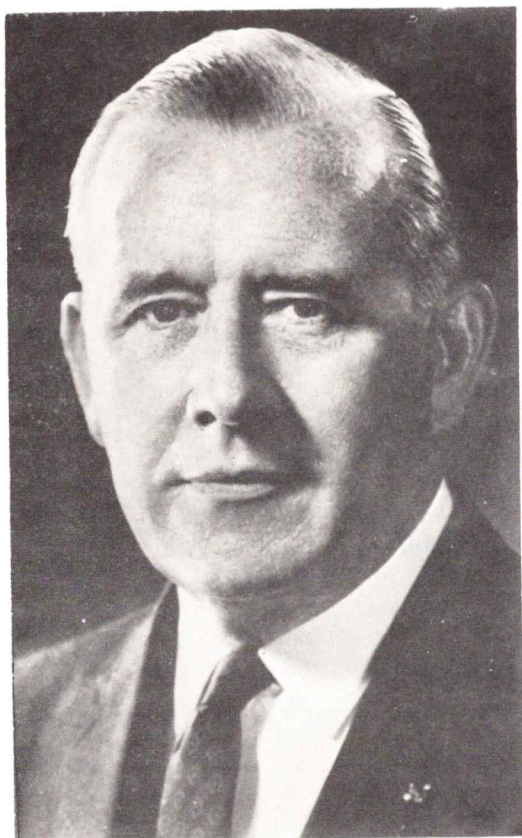
May God bless the Knights and continue them in the good work that they have carried on in the past.

With every best wish, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ R. O. Gerow

Most Reverend R. O. Gerow



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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

June, 1970

TO MY BROTHER KNIGHTS:

We are privileged indeed to greet all our Brother Knights in Mississippi through the proposed publication which records the history of the Order in your great state.

At the same time we should like to take the opportunity to congratulate the State Council and your State Deputy for the initiative which will inscribe for posterity the trials and triumphs of the Order in your historic jurisdiction. As in all organizations, so in ours: the past is prologue. The story of the past more than anything else points to the potential of the future.

Your past depicts sacrifice, dedication and hope. Above all your history demonstrates deep religious faith and hope for that which makes us all one.

Sincerely yours,

Supreme Knight

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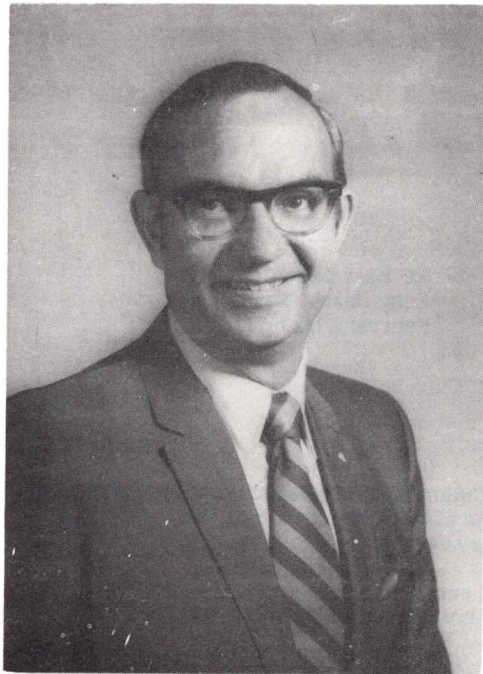
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The very purpose of History is to dig into the darkness and shadows of the past and uncover truth, to brush away the dust of legend and bias thereby allowing that truth to shine forth.

A very few years after the turn into the 20th Century the first Knights of Columbus council was organized in the State of Mississippi. The principles of Columbianism, however, had for many years before that date been at work here. The missionary Bishops and Priests had very forcefully taught our forefathers the necessity of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism.

But it was with the arrival of the Knights of Columbus as an organization that Catholic men could unite and accomplish what was impossible to do alone.

In this age of spectacular scientific advancements, at a time when man conquers space, the organized councils of the Knights of Columbus in Mississippi are indeed urgently still needed in our society. This organization, when functioning in the spirit of our Founder, is a perfect answer to Vatican II which exhorts Christian laymen to exercise their apostolate by way of united effort.

Read this history as a means of looking into the future, of learning from our mistakes, and of continuing and enhancing our successes. See if you can not answer the paraphrased question of our Brother Knight, the late President of the United States John F. Kennedy: "Ask not what your Church, your Country, your Council can do for you, but what you can do for your Church, your Country, and your Council".

I wish to thank Brothers F. J. Bartlett and L. A. Koenenn PSD for their many hours of work in compiling and editing this splendid History.

Fraternally yours

Norman L. Kiehm
State Deputy





910 East Beach
Long Beach, Miss.
February 12, 1971

TO COUNCIL OFFICERS AND MEMBERS
OF THE MISSISSIPPI JURISDICTION

Greetings:

As the time draws near for the history of the Knights of Columbus of the Mississippi Jurisdiction to go to press, may we take this opportunity to extend you our sincere thanks and appreciation for the effort you have put forth to make this project a reality, and also a success.

From time to time during the past 12 years the subject of compiling a history of the Order's activities in the jurisdiction was discussed at State Conventions, however limited interest in the project prevented any concrete action.

During 1968 while serving as your State Deputy we suggested to brother James F. Bartlett of the Bishop Gunn Council, Gulfport to draw up a proposed plan for financing this history project, which we could present to the different councils for their consideration. Brother Bartlett was assigned this task in deference to his long standing interest and enthusiasm to compile this history, having offered his time and talent to assembling and editing the material, as well as the printing of same.

The plan was presented to the councils for consideration as well as our personal recommendation for its adoption. Early in 1969 it had been adopted by all the councils, with the exception of two. Then came the task of compiling the history and collecting the necessary funds with which to do the job. Before this could be completed, hurricane Camille paid its devastating visit, which put us out of commission for nearly six months. It was almost like starting all over again. Finally we have the money and necessary material to proceed with the final phase of the project. We consider this one of the major accomplishments of the Order in Mississippi.

Without the fine cooperation of the officers, members and the committees assigned the task of finalizing their council's responsibility in this connection, the total effort would have been in vain. Our thanks are also extended to the District Deputies for cooperation and salesmanship in promoting the project in their respective districts. Again let us say how grateful we are to you.

We are especially indebted to brother Bartlett for the all-over supervision of all details in connection with the publication of the history, which we are sure he will accomplish to the satisfaction of all concerned. We regret that several councils have declined to participate, thus eliminating themselves from the records.

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

L. A. Koenenn, Sr., K.S.G.
Immediate Past State Deputy





Knights of Columbus

MISSISSIPPI STATE COUNCIL

February 14, 1972

Mr. F. J. Bartlett, Chairman
History Project
Mississippi Jurisdiction
Knights of Columbus
2300 18th Avenue
Gulfport, Mississippi 39501



Dear Brother Bartlett:


It is with a great deal of pleasure and pride that I herewith commend this publication of the history of the Knights of Columbus in Mississippi both to the members of our Order and to the public at large.

My sense of pleasure derives from the satisfaction of seeing the completion of a very worthwhile project which has culminated in an excellent publication.

My feeling of pride stems from the realization that I am heir to a tradition of Columbianism in this Jurisdiction which has consistently met the challenge of the high standards of the Order. I pray that those of us now charged with living up to those ideals can match the achievements of our forebears.

Please allow me to express the appreciation of all Knights in this Jurisdiction for the skill, energy, time, patience, and perseverance which you and your associates have invested in this project.

Sincerely and fraternally,


W. F. La Forge
State Deputy

WFL:mm





"MILESTONES THROUGH THE YEARS"

Since the inception of the Knights of Columbus in Mississippi there have been many noteworthy happenings reported. As one glances through the reports of the yearly conventions naturally some items seem to stand out as important, while perhaps other items just as important may have been overlooked. The following are a few along the way.

1903

The first Council instituted in the State of Mississippi was Monsignor John J. Burns Council No. 802 in Meridian, Mississippi. The date of institution was July 5, 1903.

1907

The Gulf Coast Council No. 1244 was established in Biloxi on June 2, 1907. The name was later changed to the Biloxi Council No. 1244. This was the first Council on the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

1911

The Bishop Gunn Council No. 1583 (Formerly Gulfport Council No. 1583) was established on Sunday, August 27, 1911.

1912

The Pascagoula Council No. 1605 was established on Sunday, February 11, 1912. It was the fourth Council established on the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

1913

At the Ninth State Convention held in Gulfport the following suggestion was made by a delegate from Natchez, "We would like to see some action taken by the State Council whereby a sum of money could be presented each year to the Bishop for the purpose of educating a native of the Diocese for the priesthood."

1917

During the 13th Convention which was held in Jackson, Mississippi on May 28, 1917 a letter was sent to President Woodrow Wilson approving his endorsement of "Home Rule in Ireland and Handling of Our National Affairs".

1918

On June 9, 1918 the Hattiesburg Council No. 1908 was granted a charter by the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus.

A resolution was passed at the 14th State Convention in Bay St. Louis suggesting that each Council appoint a Press Committee and fully bring the work of the Order before the public via the daily press.

1920

During the 16th State Convention which was held in Biloxi on May 9 the Pascagoula Council reported that it took a special train to Mobile, Alabama to attend the Columbus Day parade the previous October.





It was also reported that our Chaplain, Bishop J. A. Gunn requested an endowment fund of \$5,000 be established for the education of a priest, and that it should be known as the "Knights of Columbus Seminary Endowment Fund" with the proceeds of the fund for the education of a man for the priesthood.

1921

At the 17th State Convention in Greenville a record of the "Loving Cup" was mentioned for the first time.

1923

The State Deputy reported at the 19th State Convention in Natchez that a new Council No. 2416 had been organized in Canton, Mississippi. This was the first State Convention at which it was represented.

1924

Canton, Mississippi was the scene of the 20th State Convention. Canton Council No. 2416 was awarded the annual "Loving Cup". This "Loving Cup", an annual trophy awarded for activities was presented to the host council.

1926

A highlight of this convention at Bay St. Louis was a boat trip up the Jordan River and Rotten Bayou. The trip was interrupted by engine trouble but all returned safely to town.

An idea that was presented at this convention that could still be considered to day almost 46 years later---A State Paper or Newsletter.

1927

In April 1927 the Vicksburg Council No. 898 did a remarkable and praiseworthy job in assisting the refugees of the Mississippi flood waters until the American Red Cross moved into assist.

1928

At the 24th State Convention held in Natchez the principal speaker was Supreme Advocate Luke E. Hart.

1930

At the 26th Annual State Convention held in Biloxi on May 25 and 26 a resolution was passed which read as follows: "Resolved that all delegates attending State Conventions in the future be requested to pay a registration fee of three dollars to the host Council".

1931

The Honorable Martin H. Carmody, Supreme Knight, was the principal speaker at the 27th State Convention held in Jackson on May 3 and 4.

The first Columbian Squires Circle in Mississippi according to the records of the Supreme Office was the Father Mullin Circle No. 81, sponsored by Vicksburg Council No. 898 and was established on May 17, 1931.





1932

During the period 1921 through 1932 according to the Minutes of the State Conventions for that era, "Loving Cups" were presented to the following Councils:

1921	Greenville	1927	No record
1922	Laurel	1928	Greenville
1923	Greenville	1929	Gulfport
1924	Canton	1930	Jackson
1925	Biloxi	1931	Greenville
1926	Bay St. Louis	1932	Vicksburg

Later records failed to mention this annual award and it is assumed that the economic conditions of that period caused the award to be discontinued.

1933

Columbus Day Programs were broadcast over Radio Station WGCM in Gulfport and WQBC in Vicksburg.

1934

Our State Chaplain, Bishop Richard O. Gerow, recommended very highly that all the Councils participate in Boy Scout work.

1936

A third degree team was organized by the Vicksburg Council No. 898 and was apparently one of the first in the State.

1938

At the 34th State Convention held in Natchez the Committee on Resolutions reported as follows; "Urged that Inter-Council Meetings be held as a means of stimulating interest and fostering a true fraternal spirit."

1943

Another interesting item gleaned from the Report of the 39th State Convention was that the meeting lasted only one day -- May 16. Quite a change from to-day.....

According to the State Secretary's Report of May 15, 1943 the membership in Mississippi was 1285 members. It was interesting to note that in a report submitted by John H. Hermann, Chairman of War Activities Committee that a total of 389 or approximately 30% of our membership was in the Armed Forces. Also, a total of \$758,173.90 in War Bonds had been sold through the efforts of the membership.

1948

On August 12 a check was presented to the Bishop by the Knights of Mississippi towards the construction of a new church at State College in the amount of \$5,485.00.





1949

Past State Deputy John Hermann delivered the principal address at the 45th Annual State Convention Banquet. Also, a resolution was passed authorizing the Mississippi State Council to award two \$50.00 scholarships to pupils of parochial schools on the basis of competitive essays.

1950

A New Council was established on July 31, 1950 at Yazoo City under the name of the J. Fulgham Henry Council No. 3328. Representatives attended the 47th Annual State Convention in Gulfport for the first time.

1954

The Per Diem rate for the State Meeting was increased from \$6.00 to \$10.00.

Resolution No. 3 at the State Convention stated that the Bishop Gunn Council No. 1583 along with three other Coast Councils; Biloxi Council No. 1244, Bay St. Louis 1522, and Pascagoula Council No. 1605, was contributing \$125.00 per year for the Education of Future Priests and recommended that it be carried on as a State Project. It was adopted and was the start of the present Priest Education Fund.

1955

On Sunday, May 22 the Past State Deputies held its first organizational meeting. They were the luncheon guests of State Deputy Harvey L. Strayhan.

1956

At the State 52nd Convention held in Vicksburg, Mississippi on April 21, 22, and 23 an unusual report was made at the regular meeting. A series of Kodachrome slides were shown by Bro. F. J. Bartlett, Bishop Gunn Council No. 1583 and it was narrated by the Grand Knight. Upon request it was repeated for the Banquet.....

1957

The first organizational meeting of the Financial Secretaries was held at the 53rd State Convention in Gulfport on May 4, 5, and 6. Brother Fritz J. Oberlies of the Bishop Gunn Council No. 1583 was the chairman of this first meeting. Ten councils in the state sent representatives to the meeting.

On June 2, the Biloxi Council No. 1244 celebrated its Golden Anniversary and published a Golden Jubilee brochure.

A Council was instituted in Pass Christian on August 14, and it was designated as the Monsignor Leach Council No. 4472.





1959

On July 16, the McComb Council No. 4583 was presented their charter by Past State Deputy A. J. Stone of Natchez. He was assisted by Thomas Piazza, District Deputy.

On September 26, 1959 the Knights of Mississippi were saddened by the sudden and tragic death of State Deputy Harvey L. Strayhan and his wife in an Automobile accident.

In October, 1959 the State Officers met and elected Brother Vernon P. DeJean, State Deputy.

1960

On January 29 our Most Worthy Chaplain Richard O. Gerow, Bishop of Natchez-Jackson received the First Federation Award as the most outstanding man in the State of Mississippi in the field of Religion.

At the 56th Annual Convention held in Jackson, Mississippi on April 30, May 1, and May 2, 1960, the Supreme Knight Luke E. Hart was the speaker at the banquet. It was an honor to have the Supreme Knight in attendance.

The Pere Le Duc Council No. 1522, Bay St. Louis, celebrated its 50th Anniversary on December 18. They published a history of the Council which reported on the past 50 years.

1961

On Sunday, August 27, the Bishop Gunn Council No. 1583, Gulfport, Mississippi, celebrated its Golden Anniversary. A 50th Anniversary History was written on this occasion.

In September, 1961 Hurricane Carla hit the Texas Coast and the State sponsored a clothing drive for the homeless and the needy victims of the hurricane. Approximately, nine tons of clothing was shipped to Texas.

Meridian Council No. 802 completed its new home on December 8, 1961 and it was estimated to have cost \$60,000.

1962

The Pascagoula Council No. 1605 celebrated its Golden Anniversary on February 11, 1962 and they also published a history of the Council.

1963

The First Annual Mississippi Knights of Columbus State Bowling Tournament was held in Jackson, Mississippi on April 20 and 21.

The Bishop Fahey Council No. 1908 of Hattiesburg, Mississippi dedicated a New Home on December 15, 1963.





1965

The Fred L. Westbrook, Sr. Council No. 5654 was instituted in Ocean Springs on January 10.

A Columbian Squire Circle was established by the Pascagoula Council. It was instituted on March 14, 1965 and was named the John F. Kennedy Circle No. 1798.

Hurricane Betsy struck the western coast of Mississippi and the New Orleans area in September. A statewide clothing drive was held and approximately 6 tons were collected and distributed to the victims along the Coast from Bay St. Louis to New Orleans.

Brother Andy Papania, Bishop Gunn Council No. 1583 represented the Knights of Mississippi at the National Meeting of the Citizens for Decent Literature, Inc. The meeting was held at the Waldorf-Astoria in New York City. Many of the Councils ordered bumper stickers "Stamp Out Smut".

The Knights in Mississippi assisted the Newman Club in financing the attendance of two of its members at the National Newman Club Council in Washington, D. C. The State contributed \$400 towards this cause.

1966

On September 8 our Worthy State Chaplain Most Reverend Richard O. Gerow, Bishop of Natchez-Jackson retired as head of the Diocese, and also as State Chaplain after 40 years. State Deputy Charles Sherman asked Bishop Joseph B. Brunini to serve as State Chaplain.

1967

On July 1, 1967 Brother L. A. Koenenn, Sr. was elected to the office of State Deputy. This was the second time that Brother Koenenn had been selected to lead the Knights of Columbus in the State of Mississippi. He had previously served as State Deputy for two terms---1946-47 and 1947-48.

On Sunday, July 30, for the first time in the history of the Mississippi Jurisdiction, the State Officers were formally installed at the 10 o'clock Mass in St. Peter's Co-Cathedral. Monsignor Harkins officiated in the absence of the Worthy State Chaplain.

1968

A resolution at the Sixty-fourth Annual State Convention held in Long Beach, Mississippi was passed increasing the mileage allowance to 0.12 per mile and the per diem to \$15.00.

1969

This was the year that the Priest Education Fund reached the \$100,000.00 mark---a total of \$106,147.08 was reported since its start in 1953.

On Sunday, August 17 devastating Hurricane Camille hit the Mississippi Gulf Coast. Many of the churches along the Coast were destroyed. Many Knights lost their homes and suffered enormous damage. The Councils in the State as well as over the country came to our rescue with money and clothes..... To them we say, "Thanks".





1970

The following remark was heard at the 1970 Convention held in Gulfport and we believe it is worth repeating, "Past State Deputy John S. Cabibi remarked that he had attended 43 consecutive State Conventions". This is quite a record and Bro. Cabibi should be congratulated.

1971

Early in 1971, State Deputy Norman L. Kiehm requested that all Knights in Mississippi write to their State Representatives and Judiciary Committee to defeat the Abortion Bill. The Bill was defeated. We can justly feel that our efforts must have aided in the defeat.



CHARITY...

UNITY...

FRATERNITY...

PATRIOTISM...





MONSIGNOR JOHN J. BURNS COUNCIL NO. 802

(Formerly Meridian Council No. 802)

Meridian

July 5, 1903

The council was chartered July 5, 1903 as the Meridian Council No. 802. Years later, after the death of Msgr John J. Burns, the council voted to change its name to "Msgr. John J. Burns Council No. 802" in memory of his loyalty and interest in Columbianism.

In 1910, there is a statement of expense of entertaining State Council members, with a total attendance of 50 members. The meal was \$1.00 per plate, with everything "from soup to nuts" and there is an additional item of \$1.50 for "spts. frumenti", which would indicate either an extremely sober group or an extremely potent "white lightning".

A circular letter of June 30, 1913 called attention to the fact that the next meeting would mark the 10th anniversary of the Council.

At a meeting on January 9, 1917 Father Tenbrink, Pastor, addressed the Council on the subject, "The right of the unborn child to live". Originally the Council met in a small auditorium "Woodmens Hall: in the Rosenbaum Bldg. Later, space was made available in the St. Patrick School building; then to a large home purchased from the Dan O'Flinn family, and presently, as will be explained later, to its own Home located on a four-acre plot on Highway 19, North Meridian. At a meeting on April 3, 1917, the Council passed a Resolution approving the entrance of the United States into World War I "offering President Wilson our service in the cause for humanity". During World War I, the minutes record many references to K. of C. activities at home and abroad.

At a meeting November 29, 1921, at

which State Officers and many members were present and all limbering up their vocal chords, one of the most active members, James T. Crowe, was recorded as refusing to speak "as he was hungry" and wanted to get to the lunch as soon as possible.

Minutes of meeting July 17, 1923, recorded the first attendance of Father John J. Burns, the new pastor of St. Patricks.

Routine meetings with little but local activities, until in November 1958, the Council decided to sell the former O'Flinn home if we could get a satisfactory price and move to larger quarters. Nothing occurred until in March 1961, the Council voted to sell the property to St. Patrick's Parish to be added to the new school grounds.

Investigation located some available property at the city limits, owned by a Brother Knight. Four acres were purchased, and the Council had sufficient funds to cover the cost. The Parish agreed to allow the Council to continue meeting at the old location until the new one was available. Fortunately, an architect-engineer employed in the construction of the Meridian Naval Air Base was a member of the Council. At the time his services at the Base allowed him time to work with the Council. He drew the plans, oversaw the work, much of the work being done by himself and other members. A steel building was erected (a Butler building). Members laid the sub-floors and the hardwood flooring. Those who were electricians and plumbers handled that type of work and others planned and installed beautiful cabinet work.

Financing was of utmost impor-





tance. Application was made to a Building and Loan Society. Assuring the availability of funds to cover the monthly payments, a group of members invested sufficient funds to cover two years of payments, assuring clear sailing from rentals, etc., from then on. Incidentally, these members investments were repaid rather promptly and the receipts have been taking care of the B & L payments without difficulty.

In September 1962, the Mitchell Boys Choir gave a performance at the K. of C. Hall, the racially mixed group being accorded several standing ovations.

In April 1963, a start was made in providing scholarships to graduates of St. Patrick's School to the local Junior College.

In December 1963, the Council be-

gan holding annual Christmas parties for Cerebral palsied and other handicapped children.

Fourth of July and Labor Day Picnics for the Parish have been held annually, with outdoor and indoor activities, the latter aided greatly by a massive air-conditioning unit. A modern barbecue pit of brick, roofed, with natural gas equipment is available to members and their families and monthly steak or fish suppers are offered members and their families.

The facilities of the K. of C. Hall are regularly used by such organizations as the Junior Auxiliary, with its annual Mardi Gras Ball, various social and business groups, and the Council has been given many evidences of approval of the modern addition to the attractions of Meridian.

For over 40 years, Our Order has served Our Nation, by vigilant opposition to the atheistic communist doctrines, which would destroy religion, and undermine the ideals upon which our democratic form of government is founded.

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JOHN T. SAVAGE COUNCIL NO. 848

Jackson

February 28, 1904

The Jackson Council No. 848, Knights of Columbus, was chartered on February 28, 1904 with 32 Charter Members. The charter members were: B. O. Peters, Dennis Peters, Yancy D. Lott, Joseph Fitzgerald, B. P. LeBranche, Jr., L. F. Luderbach, A. L. Zhender, Joseph McDonnell, C. E. McDonnell, W. H. Muh, G. J. McDonnell, H. Kernaghan, H. M. Kernaghan, G. W. Clements, J. P. Ferrell, W. P. Wollony, James Cummings, F. J. Spengler, Harry L. Herbers, E. P. Mahoney, A. F. Garvey, P. S. Larkin, E. A. McQuaid, C. A. Fransioli, Rev. C. A. Oliver, S. G. Luckett, F. Sullivan, E. A. Kernaghan, J. L. Kearney, Frank A. Muh, P. K. McConkey and C. H. Spengler. Bro. C. H. Spengler is the only living Charter Member of the Jackson Council. He still resides in Jackson and is an Honorary Life Member of the Order.

The first Grand Knight of the Jackson Council was Brother E. A. McQuaid. He served the council as Grand Knight from 1904 until 1906. The following is a list of the Grand Knights and their term of Office:

H. Kernaghan	1906-1907
C. A. Fransioli	1907-1909
C. H. Spengler	1909-1910
A. E. Fisher	1910-1911
John Meyer	1911-1913
James Cummings	1913-1915
A. J. Spengler	1915-1916
Thomas E. Kane	1916-1917
Ullen F. Logue	1917-1918
James Cummings	1918-1919
John T. Savage	1919-1922
E. C. Ward	1922-1923
C. B. Boone	1923-1927
J. C. Battaile	1927-1928
J. F. Henry	1928-1932
P. J. Hothan	1932-1934
J. Herbert Greer	1934-1936
C. S. Campbell	1936-1937
Charles D. Lang	1937-1938
Max P. Payment, Sr.	1938-1939
Phil E. Lieb	1939-1941
William H. Miller	1941-1943
C. B. Boone	1943-1944
J. Herbert Greer	1944-1945
Betrus A. Saway	1945-1946

Fulgham Henry	1946-1948
Raymond A. Rayne	1948-1949
Raymond F. Burst	1949-1950
Joseph Ashker	1950-1952
Frank C. Lowery	1952-1953
Harvey L. Strayhan	1953-1954
Eugene H. Payne	1954-1955
James C. Maloney	1955-1957
Harry J. Goulet	1957-1959
Richard Burke, Jr.	1959-1960
M. D. Myers	1960-1961
William R. McGarry	1961-1963
C. J. O'Brien	1963-1964
C. Medric Warren	1964-1965
Robert W. Lambert	1965-1967
George J. Saab	1967-1969
Walter F. Schilhab	1969-1971

After the new Council of Knights of Columbus was chartered the Knights began their Nightly Duties. The Chaplain, Rev. C. A. Oliver, also a New Knight and Pastor of St. Peters Catholic Church was most influential and helpful in getting the new Council off to a good start. He relied on the new Knights of Columbus to handle almost everything in the parish. These duties were; Counting the collection, Ushering, Church Maintenance, and Assisting in preparing the Church and Grounds for all religious celebrations. Usually the pastor, when making committee appointments, made sure that at least half of the committee were Knights of Columbus. They were used almost exclusively on fund raising drives, for both Church and School. The Knights were real Knights when it came to living their religion, both in their private and public lives. During the first few years the Jackson Council was very active in the growth and development of the Capital City and was recognized as one of the foremost Fraternal Organizations in the City. The Council counted among its members, City and County Judges, Legislators and a number of City, County and State officials.

The Jackson Council really came into its own during World War I, when so many of its members joined the Armed Forces. The Members who stayed at home, opened the Council Home





to all of the service men stationed in and around Jackson. The Council was very active in promoting the sale of War Stamps and was instrumental in selling, buying or having other people buy approximately \$91,000.00 worth of War Bonds.

During the World War the Jackson Council inaugurated a Blood Donor Program. There was almost 100% participation of the membership in this life saving program. Some of the Blood Donor members continued this program for many years and over 50% of these Brother Knights received Blood Donor Pins for giving Blood as regular as possible for five (5) years or more. These Brother Knights names are still listed in the records of the nation as Blood Donors during a time of national crisis.

The Jackson Council met for many years in a very Historical Home. In fact, one of the oldest homes in the City of Jackson. A history of the "OLD GREY CASTLE", as it so affectionately became known, was written in 1935 and published in the local newspaper. Council Records show that it was bought by Mr. Thomas E. Helm who was president and one of the founders of Capital State Bank. In 1882 Chief Justice of the Mississippi Supreme Court, Honorable J. S. P. Campbell, purchased it. Some years later Judge Campbell sold the house to Captain C. A. Layerly who sold it to Mrs. Josephine Sivley, one of the most well known families in Mississippi. This is where the council got the home when the City of Jackson bought the land for a place to build what is now Central High School. The Jackson Council moved it to its last location on the corner of North Lamar and East Amite Street. These cherished recollections surrounding this home doubly endeared it to the members of the Jackson Council. It fitted the purpose of the Jackson Council for many years in that it provided a Community Center and the local Council was very much interested in the Charitable, Philanthropic and Educational Activities of Jackson and the surrounding community. The Jackson Council used this home on the corner of North Lamar and East Amite Streets until the new council home was built in 1955.

After World War I the Council was instrumental in securing jobs for returning service men. When the Depression hit in the late twenty's the Council was influential enough in the Capital City, that none of the returning Brother Knights were without income for more than two weeks at any one time. This shows the true

feelings of the City of Jackson towards the Knights of Columbus and the Catholic Church.

In 1930, the Jackson Council was honored by having one of its members elected to the office of State Deputy of Mississippi. This Brother who is still very active in our council was Sir Knight and Brother C. B. Boone, KSG. In 1954 and again in 1959 another Brother was elected to this high office from the John T. Savage Council. He was Harvey L. Strayhan, who was killed in a car wreck before he finished his term as State Deputy in 1959. In 1950, Brother C. B. Boone from Jackson was elected to serve as Master of the Fourth Degree of Mississippi and served with dignity and honor for a number of years. The Jackson Council has been honored by having its members elected to serve as State Officers on numerous occasions. The latest to serve was Bro. C. Medric Warren, State Warden, 1968-1969, to whom we wish to thank for researching the compiling of this record of the Jackson Council. Brother C. Medric Warren was selected, "KNIGHT OF THE YEAR", for the State of Mississippi for the year 1969 and received the, "Fred L. Westbrook, Sr., Memorial Award". Numerous members of this council have served as District Deputies throughout the past years and at present Brother George J. Saab is District Deputy for the Third District of Mississippi.

When the Sisters of Mercy began their drive to raise funds to build the St. Joseph High School Msgr. O'Reilly, Pastor of St. Peters Catholic Church and Chaplain of the Jackson Council asked that the Council spearhead the Drive to raise \$200,000.00 to build the school. The Council took over and with zest and enthusiasm saw the project to completion. Later, the Council turned over their Council Home to the sisters for additional classrooms and cafeteria.

The Blood Donor Program was re-activated during the Depression and after for the benefit of its members and family. The main reason for this was that there was not enough money in circulation and income was so low that people sometimes could not afford the doctor and hospital bills, let alone have enough money for blood transfusions. Also, during this period in history it was a common practice for the Jackson Mississippi Council to guarantee both Hospital and Doctor Bills for any of its members.

When St. Marys Catholic Church was built





in Jackson one of the members, whose family had benefited from the Blood Donor program, purchased a pew in the name of the John T. Savage Council No. 848, Knights of Columbus, as an expression of appreciation.

When World War II came along the local Knights again showed their love of country and joined the armed forces. Again, as in World War I, the Council turned over their council home to the Red Cross and the USO for the use of the service men stationed in and around Jackson. Also, the Council raised at least \$125.00 per month and gave to the USO to be used to entertain the service men when they were in the Council home on pass. Another outstanding event of World War II, the Jackson Council purchased with Council Funds \$19,400.00 worth of War Bonds.

During one of the worst fires to hit Jackson, one of the council members lost his life saving the lives of children. When the old Palace Theater burned, Brother Joseph Kuriger, an employee of the theater lost his life. He was cited for bravery by his brother Knights, The City of Jackson, and by the Supreme Council and received an award for heroism for saving the lives of a number of children.

The year 1946 was a banner year for the Jackson Council. The Membership Committee, Chairman Brother H. J. Dolton, increased the membership over 200%. This gave the Council the Contest of Champions Award, Century Club Award, and the Star Council Award. Brother Dolton and his committee increased the council's membership from 104 to 319 and had 9 other candidates awaiting initiation at the close of the year.

In March 1952 the John T. Savage Council Knights of Columbus, purchased and donated to the Carmelite Nuns, just cloistered in Jackson, a statue of the "Sacred Heart". This Statue with proper ceremony was erected in the Public Chapel at the Monastery on Terry Road in Jackson, Mississippi.

From the late TEENS until his untimely death on April 24, 1942, there was a member of the Jackson Council that did so much work for the Knights of Columbus, the Catholic Church and the City of Jackson that we feel that special section of the Council History must be set aside for him. This Brother was, Sir Knight and Bro-



ther John T. Savage whose name the council now bears. On April 26, 1949, the Anniversary of his death, with special ceremonies the Jackson Council officially became the, "JOHN T. SAVAGE COUNCIL NO. 848, KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS". In his death as well as in his life he continued to help the Jackson Council in that he and his wife at death did bequeath to the Jackson Council a large sum of money for the purpose of building a new council home. In 1955 this money and the interest it had earned since his untimely death was put to use in acquiring the present land and paying for some of the cost of the John T. Savage Council Home now located on Country Club Drive, Jackson, Mississippi.

It is with heartfelt "Thanks" that the membership of the John T. Savage Council does by this small token hereby, acknowledge and make of Public Record this Brother Knight's True Charity and love of his fellowman.

The Jackson Council pledged \$3000.00 to St. Dominics Hospital in 1948 to build a Chaplains quarters in the New St. Dominics -Jackson Memorial Hospital. The Council gave a sum of over \$4000.00 by the time the Quarters were completed. Through the years the John T. Savage Council donated money, food and clothing to the Sisters of Mercy, The Sisters of Holy Ghost, the Two Catholic Orphanages in Natchez and many other organizations. During the depression the council gave cash prizes to the students of St. Joseph Academy for the best grade in Catholic Doctrine and also for the best grades overall. In keeping with the tradition of the Knights of Columbus, the local council paid for copies of the Extension magazine for the Schools, The Sisters of Mercy, The Sisters of Holy Ghost and also urged members to subscribe to the magazine. They even went out through the parish trying to sell subscriptions for the paper to the members of the congregation.

On August 10, 1954, Msgr. James J. Hannon, then Chaplain of the council and Chancellor of the Diocese of Natchez-Jackson, reported to the John T. Savage Council that in 1923 a Priest Education fund had been established by the Old Jackson Council Knights of Columbus. The fund at that time, (1954) had the Principal amount of \$5070.00 in it and it was drawing an annual interest rate of 3.6%. On this same date the John T. Savage Council voted to continue the special assessment, previously used to pay for the Chaplain's Quarters at St. Dominics, and use the revenue to support





the newly instituted Mississippi State Council Knights of Columbus Priest Education Fund which our Worthy State Deputy Harvey L. Strayhan, from Jackson, was trying to get started on a state wide basis. Since this date in 1954, the John T. Savage Council has contributed an additional amount of \$8485.31 to the State Priest Education Fund.

On March 23, 1956 the John T. Savage Council organized and chartered the First Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary and this organization is still very active in Jackson. The First President of the Ladies Auxiliary was, Mrs. Lloyd (Mary Alice) Deddens. The Past Presidents of the Ladies Auxiliary of Jackson are:

Mrs. Lloyd (Mary Alice) Deddens	1955-1957
Mrs. R. W. (Nell) Lambert	1957-1959
Mrs. J. C. (Dolly) Maloney	1959-1960
Mrs. Levin (Nettys Merle) Farmer	1960-1961
Mrs. Conrad (Martha) Richard, Sr.	1961-1962
Mrs. H. J. (Jimmy Lou) Goulet	1962-1963
Mrs. W. R. (Peggy) McGarry	1963-1964
Mrs. C. J. (Mary) O'Brien	1964-1965
Mrs. A. M. (Eileen) Weisenberger	1965-1966
Mrs. S. M. (Ruth) Howie	1966-1967
Mrs. George J. (Jeanette) Saab	1967-1969
Mrs. C. Medric (Dorothy) Warren	1969-1970

Charter members of the John T. Savage Council Ladies Auxiliary were: Josephine Ashker, Camille Barranco, Bessie Boone, Adene Boone, LaFrance Borsig, Margaret Brady, Ronnie Brinkley, Lucy Brogan, Frances Buckley, Ruth Daly, Georgia Courtenay, Mary Alice Deddens, Ester Collins, Alma Messina, Celia McNally, Mary Lea Minninger, Pearl Payment, Louise Powers, Adelle Rice, Melonie Scanlon, Victoria Thomas, Kathlene Ziemianski, Jennie Dehmer, Nettys Merle Farmer, Patty Fennell, Jimmie Lou Goulet, Lena Hopper, Ruth Howie, Mary Rose Kelty, Nell Lambert, Mildred Lieb, Anne Macke, Dolly Maloney, Emilie Joseph, Dorothy Maxwell, Mary O'Toole, Claire Raphael, Anna Salassi, Mary Swan, Sadie Thomas, Dot Warren, Mamie Luckett, Esma Thomas, Lillian Schmidt, Mildred Norato, Wilhelmina Sleigher, Virginia Thurber, Iva Greer, Peggy McNamara, Julia Payne, Aileen McCaa, Mrs. Tom Casey and Mrs. Joseph O'Grady.

Since the Ladies Auxiliary was organized they have presented an award to the graduating Senior at St. Joseph High School that has ex-

emplified the precepts of true Columbianism.

From a meager beginning in Jackson a few short years ago the Ladies Auxiliary of Jackson had helped organize some twelve other Auxiliaries. Also, they, the Jackson Ladies, have submitted their charter and By-laws to the Supreme Council with other Knights of Columbus Ladies Organizations in hope of being recognized by the Supreme Council. Just maybe from this small group of interested Ladies in Jackson they will be able to get a National Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary started. It was mentioned at the Supreme Convention for the past two or three years and the Supreme Council has shown enough interest to place this matter in a committee for study and report back to the delegates at a later date.

The John T. Savage Council has had a degree team as far back as 1916. Although, in some years it was not too active, the degree team since 1955 has been called on to perform many times, as many as 29 times in 1965. While on the degree team subject, it was the pleasure of the John T. Savage Council to be one of the last Councils in the Country to hold an OLD THIRD DEGREE. This was done as late as March 16, 1969, since March 29, 1969 was the last date that the old degree was allowed.

Through the course of years the Jackson Council has sponsored a Boy Scout Troop and furnished Scoutmasters for years. Some of the most remembered ones were V. J. LaRocca and John Rietti. Brother H. J. Dolton had been a Scout Advisor and Scout Commissioner for over forty years and is still on the review board for First Class and Eagle Scouts. Brother Dolton received the St. George Award for his scout work and is still an active member of the John T. Savage Council.

The John T. Savage Council organized and sponsored a Circle of Columbian Squires. The Council has sponsored a boy and girl to the Magnolia Boys and Girls State as far back as 1936. Every year the council has some activity in the Veterans Hospital where-by the patients are treated with gifts and snacks. The Council has received from the Veterans Administration a Service Award each year for the past ten or twelve years.

Each year as far back as 1906 the Jackson Council has given food, money and clothes





to the different Catholic Churches and Convents in Jackson. For many years the John T. Savage Council has had an eggnog party and raised funds and purchased food at wholesale prices and made up food baskets for as many families as the pastors of all the Catholic Churches said they needed. The Council has given as many as 125 food baskets at Christmas in a single year. This food goes to Non-Catholics as well as to Catholic families.

In 1969 the John T. Savage Council was honored to have three (3) members of its council named by Pope Paul VI as Knights of St. Gregory the Great. These members were: Brother Joe T. Dehmer, KSG, Brother C. B. Boone, PSD, KSG, and Brother Harry J. Dolton, KSG. Not only were the laity of our council honored by the Pope but members of the Clergy who were members of our council were also honored by His Holiness. These included Rt. Rev.

Msgr. Edward L. Cratin, Chaplain of the Council, Rt. Rev. Msgr. Jeremiah Harnett, Rt. Rev. Msgr. James P. McGough, who were named Honorary Prelates. This we feel is certainly a distinguishing honor bestowed upon these brothers and especially an honor to have so many members of our Council to be singled out at the same time.

The foregoing History research and compiling of same was done through the efforts of Brother C. Medric Warren, PKG. We wish to thank the following Brother Knights for paying for the publication of this history, Luke Andries, Joe T. Dehmer, KSG, M. J. Scanlon, KSG, Walter G. Schilhab GK, C. J. O'Brien, PKG, and R. W. Bob Lambert, PKG.

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VICKSBURG COUNCIL NO. 898

Vicksburg

May 1904

Sixty-five is generally thought of as the age for retirement to a life of "taking it easy". Well, Vicksburg Council 898, Knights of Columbus, has turned 65 during the past year, but thoughts of retirement or slowing down are unheard of as Council 898 continues to be one of the most active, successful Councils in the state of Mississippi.

Yes, Council 898 was formed in May of 1904,----a long, long time ago. Today's miniskirts, color television, and travel to the moon were beyond anyone's wildest imagination then. Ladies' fashions dictated floor-length gowns cascading over numerous tiers of petticoats. Not only was there no home T. V., but movies were in their infancy,----and "talking" pictures had not yet been invented. As far as travel was concerned, it too was still rather primitive. Automobiles (or "machines" as they were referred to in minutes of meetings of that era) were still very scarce. And whereas today's astronauts can travel to the moon in 3 or 4 days, it took one of the early Grand Knights of Council 898, J. C. Hamilton, 2 full days to travel from Vicksburg to Biloxi for a State K. of C. Convention.

From 1904 to the present, Council 898 has lasted through flapper girls, bobby soxers, and teenie boppers; prohibition; the Roaring Twenties; the depression; inflation; the Charleston, swing music, and rock and roll; hippies; yippies; crewcuts and Beatle hairdos; the Model T, the Edsel, and the new turbine cars; a flu epidemic; a flood; a tornado; and four major wars (and innumerable battles of words on the Council chamber floor). The following paragraphs will summarize briefly the history of the Council to the present time.

The Early Years, 1904-1913

On formation of the Council in 1904 with 80 charter members, Harry Yoste was elected Grand Knight. Meetings in those days were held once a week, on Thursdays, in the Helgason building on the corner of Washington and Veto Streets. In 1906, the State Council was formed; before that time, Mississippi Knights of Columbus were under the jurisdiction of the Louisiana State Council.

Although the years 1904 through 1913 were primarily formation years, there was no lack of social and athletic activity in Council 898. One of the first committees formed was a Euchre and Dance Club; euchre was a popular card game of that era. The year 1909, by which time there were 196 members, saw the formation of the Knights of Columbus brass band and orchestra which furnished music for K. of C. parties and entertainments and participated in local parades. In that same year, Council 898 sponsored a street fair and carnival, and made a profit of \$500,---a truly remarkable sum for those days. In 1913, a K. of C. baseball team and a junior baseball team were formed; in their first year, the K. of C. adult baseballers won 14 games without a loss. Also in 1913, a dramatic committee was organized; it presented several well-received plays and minstrel shows.

The War-Depression Years, 1914-1940

Then came World War I, followed shortly thereafter by the depression years. Many of the local Knights went to war as a member of one or the other of the armed services. Many of those who stayed behind busied themselves

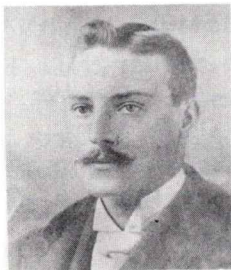




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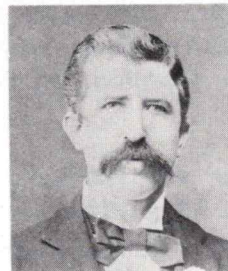
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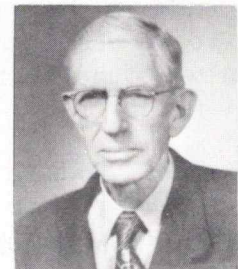
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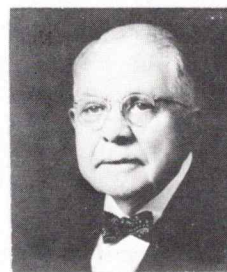
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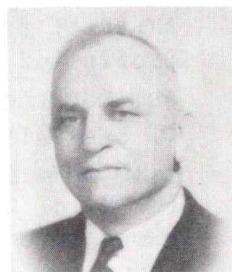
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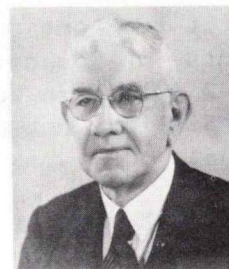
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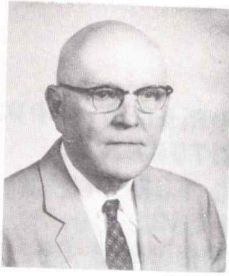


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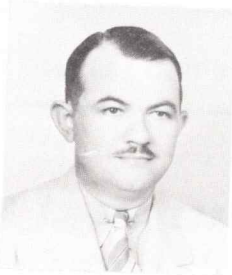
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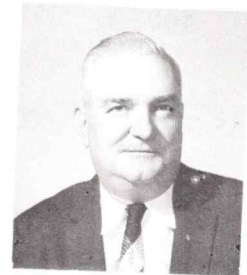
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GEORGE DOWNEY
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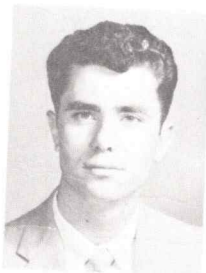
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with volunteer work for the Red Cross and USO. A committee was formed to help servicemen returning after the war to find employment and housing. These were relatively quiet years, but Council 898 still was a major factor in Vicksburg's religious, social, and civic affairs.

In the early 1930's, the country was still in the firm grip of the Great Depression. At one time, in 1932, a moratorium on dues was even declared. Those members who were employed and could pay their dues did so, but those who couldn't were not penalized. The Employment Committee formed by Grand Knight A. A. O'Neill had a great task helping unemployed members to find jobs. Their efforts in this regard were greatly appreciated and will never be forgotten.

In January of 1930, Brother John B. Brunini, a past Grand Knight, was honored by the Pope as he was made a Knight of St. Gregory, Vicksburg's first man to be so honored.

In May 1931, our first Columbian Squires Circle was formed. The Squires are a youth organization that functions under the sanction of the Knights of Columbus. The Squires have been active intermittently through the years since then.

In August, 1931, Council 898 purchased a new home. Council members said goodbye to the Helgason building on Washington St., and moved into spacious new quarters on Cherry St. This was a most wise and successful move, as this new home was to serve us well right up to the present time.

Though this period was marred by war, depression, and rapid change, it was still one of the most active and productive periods for Council 898. Physical activities included a K. of C. baseball team, tennis matches on the court behind the K. C. home, a K. of C. bowling league, and handball

tournaments. And no one who ever took part will ever forget the K. of C. softball leagues. K. of C. softball was the thing in summer activity in those days before T. V. and Little League ball. There were two four-team leagues (an "A" league for the established "pros" like F.J. Groome, Charlie Guiney, J. B. Finane, Joe Palermo, and Mac Montgomery; and a "B" league for the "oldtimers" like Charlie Rafferty, George Downey, Sidney Saucier, John D. Evans, and Mr. Judy Piazza). League games were played every weekday night except Saturday on the St. Aloysius High School field, and on Sunday nights a handpicked team of K. C. all-stars would play other local and out-of-town teams and, more often than not, give them a good trouncing.

Social activities included weekly bingo games, Columbus Day and St. Patrick's Day programs, the usual holiday parties, and formation of a glee club.

It was during this period also that Council 898 began sponsoring a Boy Scout troop. At one time, the Council sponsored two regular troops (Troop 3 and Troop 8) as well as a Cub troop. These two troops were soon combined into one, what we know today as Troop 7. And no mention should ever be made of Troop 7 without giving a deserved pat on the back to Brother C. W. (Bud) Tacke who has now served as Scoutmaster for the amazing total of 38 years and is still going strong.

War Again, 1941-1945

It was that dreaded time again, and although World War I had seen only a relative handful of local Knights called to the service, we were not so lucky this time as 129 Knights answered the call to the colors. Three-- Lt. Robert D. Shaw, Pfc. Joseph Marsicano, Jr., and Pfc. John F. Podesta--- did not come back. Lt. Shaw was killed





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in a crash landing on April 24, 1944, near Betram, Nebraska, while serving as a co-pilot of a Flying Fortress. The ill-fated flight was Shaw's final test run, as he was scheduled to leave for the European theater the following morning. Brother Marsicano, a Marine, died on the Island of Okinawa on June 23, 1945. A letter from his chaplain stated that Joe gave his life, in action, to save a friend. Brother Podesta, also a Marine, took part in most of the early Pacific campaigns. Stricken suddenly ill, he was rushed to a base hospital in the Marshall Islands for an emergency operation. He passed away on July 16, 1943, following this operation.

Rapid Growth after World War II, 1946-1967

With the end of World War II and the return of our servicemen, Council 898 experienced a period of rapid growth and much and varied activity. Membership soon numbered over 300.

Sports activities included the ever-popular softball, tennis, and bowling, and soon were expanded to include a K. C. team in the local City Adults' Basketball League, an annual local K. of C. golf tournament, inter-city golf matches with the Natchez and Jackson councils, and K. C. sponsored teams in Vicksburg's Little League baseball and Peewee football programs. The \$8000 Farrell Fund, administered by Council 898, was used to renovate the St. Aloysius High School football field, and it was renamed Farrell Stadium.

The tornado of 1953 that thundered through downtown Vicksburg destroyed St. Paul's Catholic Church. Local Knights helped remove the pews from the demolished church and transported them to the temporary church site in the St. Francis Xavier Academy auditorium. Council 898 also helped by donating \$10,000 for the rebuilding of the new St. Paul's Church.

During the years 1956-1960, membership soared to the all-time high of over 400. The council won the coveted Hilton Seymour Award for outstanding council of the state of Mississippi. During this time, Council 898 also won several Supreme Council awards.

Noteworthy contributions by the Council during this period included \$5400 for the Mississippi State Newman Club chapel at Starkville, at least \$600 every year to the Priests' Education fund, \$500 to the Sisters of Mercy for a new nurses' home, and numerous other contributions in support of youth and school activities. Full support was also given to annual orphan fund drives, clothing drives for the needy and for hurricane and tornado victims, United Fund drives, Salvation Army Christmas kettles, etc.

Religious activities included monthly rosary programs, religious quizzes, First Saturday Observances to Our Lady of Fatima, Quarterly Communion Sundays, memorial Masses and Communions, joint Communion Sundays together with the Holy Name Society, and the annual parade on Easter Sunday from the K. of C. home to St. Paul's Church. Fraternal activities included the all-important work of the bereavement, sick, and blood donor committees.

The Present, 1968-1970

The keynote for the present era of the Vicksburg Knights of Columbus is "change" and "progress". On January 1, 1968, Council 898 signed a lease with the Vicksburg Chamber of Commerce giving the Chamber a 25-year lease, with three 10-year options, on K. of C. property located at the corner of South and Walnut Streets in downtown Vicksburg for the purpose of construction of a \$325,000 parking facility. Ground was broken on April 13, 1968, and the garage was put into operation in late 1968. This foresighted action on the part of Council officers has assured a good income for Council 898 for many years to come.





Action was then initiated to study various sites in the city and nearby county area with regard to purchasing land for the building of a new K. of C. home. A 14-acre tract of the Leroy George property on Fisher Ferry Road on the southeastern edge of the city was purchased in January, 1970. It is hoped that the near future will see construction of a new Council home, complete with meeting rooms, game and recreation rooms, kitchen and bar facilities, Boy Scout meeting and activity area, patio, swimming pool, and athletic field. This sounds like a dream,--but not an impossible one.

On March 12, 1968, a Council 898 Ladies' Auxiliary was formed with 44 charter members. This organization has already proved to be a very active and helpful sister organization.

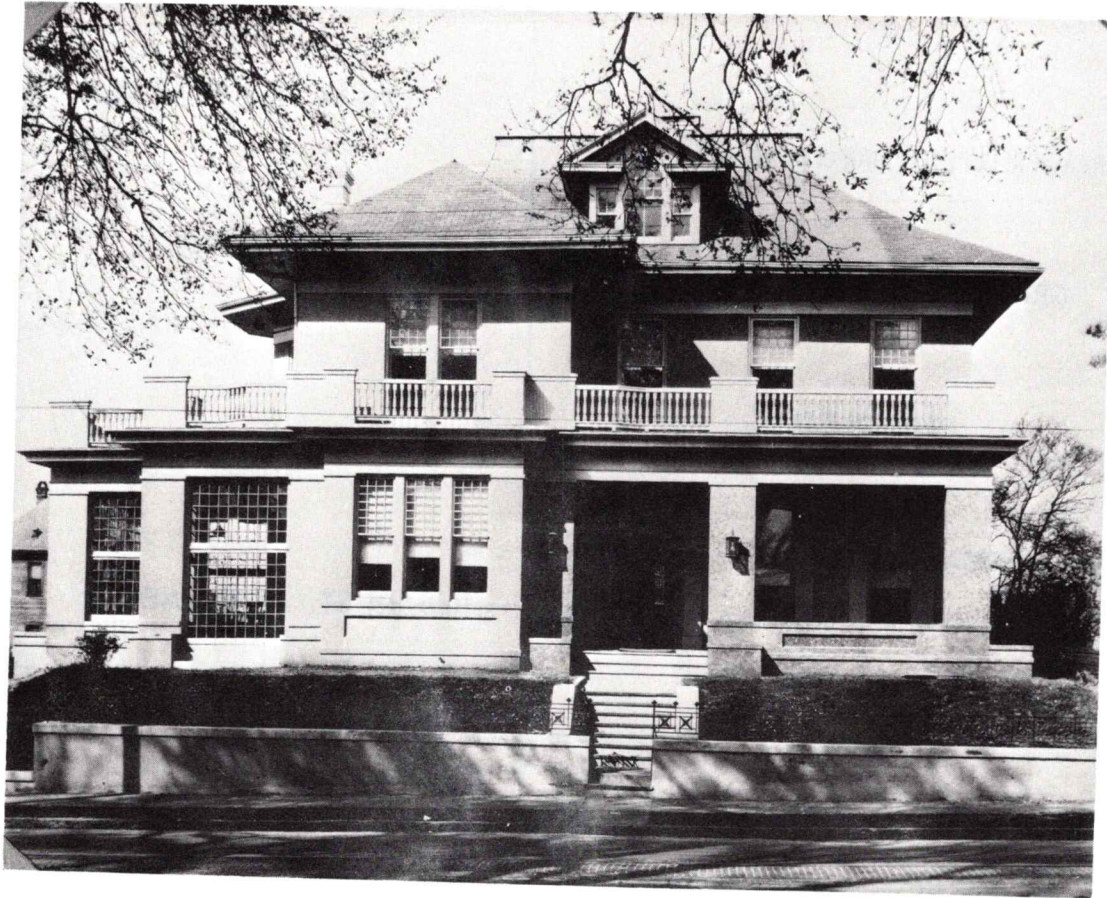
Conclusion

In conclusion, although Vicksburg Council 898 of the Knights of Columbus' has now passed the "retirement" age of 65, it is still looking forward to many, many more years of active participation as one of the leaders in the religious, fraternal, social, and civic affairs of the city of Vicksburg and the state of Mississippi.



Installation of First Ladies Auxiliary Officers, March 12, 1968.
From left to right, Mrs. Sam Howie, Jackson, Miss., Installing Officer; Mrs. John Ellis, President; Mrs. A. L. Sullivan, Jr., First Vice-President; Mrs. William H. Fulcher, Second Vice-President; Mrs. Walter Reynolds, Secretary; and Mrs. John H. Lauderdale, Treasurer.





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BISHOP R. O. GEROW COUNCIL NO. 1034

(Formerly Natchez Council No. 1034)

Natchez

June 18, 1905

The Natchez Council of the Knights of Columbus is one of the oldest councils in the state of Mississippi, having received its charter on June 18, 1905. Charles F. Engle served as First State Deputy, and George W. Young served as Territorial Deputy at this time. There were 51 charter members in the Natchez Council No. 1034, and they are as follows:

Charles F. Engle
Frank J. Marron
H. L. Ramsey
John H. Kelly
Parnell Burns
Patrick W. Mulvihill, Jr.
Herman F. Popp
John J. Grady
E. W. Zurhellen
Robert A. Keyer
James Farrell
H. F. Byrne
Joe F. Cole
Charles J. Noonan
James J. Cole
Frank T. Arrighi
Oliver K. Wilds
Michael P. Ryan
John W. Mulvihill
M. P. Morrissey
Albert C. Berdon
Dominic Arrighi
James Salvo
O'Neill Junkin
Frank V. Eisele
John Noonan
J. G. Quinn
Very Rev. P. C. Hayden
F. Mack
Benton A. St. John
James K. Lambert
L. A. Didier
M. J. Mulvihill
Natale Salvo
W. H. Berdon
John P. Walworth
E. W. Frawley

J. H. Arrighi
Louis S. Kaiser
N. J. Petrich
S. D. Brady
R. Klein
Ed W. McIntyre
George A. Quarterman
C. J. Profilet
D. R. Gunning
Joe W. Kaiser
Henry G. Ruscher
C. H. Perrault
Will H. Cole
A. J. Wilds

During World War I and World War II, many members of the Natchez Council served in the Armed Forces of the United States; and in World War II, Brother Richard Pope was among the casualties. Brother Sam Junkin, Jr., was the first American flyer to shoot down an enemy plane during World War II. Brother Jack Pitchford has been a prisoner of war of the North Vietnamese for the past five years.

The original quarters of the Natchez Council was located under the former site of the Cathedral Grammar School, affectionately known to the older members as the "Mole Hole". In 1939, the Council moved into its present quarters located at the corner of Union and State Streets in Natchez, where it is still located today.

The presiding Grand Knight at the time of the move from the "Mole Hole" into the present quarters was Dr. J.G. Logan. Grand Knight Anthony Catania had the honor of being the first elected Grand Knight to serve in the new Council Hall.

As a part of the many functions of the Natchez Council of the Knights





E. R. Clements	1966-1968
Francis Martin, Jr.	1968-1970
Max Voss	1970-

Another significant note about the Natchez Council which is unique is that four members of the Burns family have served in the capacity of Grand Knight. Brother Parnell Burns served as Grand Knight of the Natchez Council in 1915-16; and subsequently years later, three of his sons served in this same capacity, Patrick P. Burns 1946-47; Peter T. Burns 1953-55; and Andrew Burns 1960-62. Brother J. F. Button, who was born May 4, 1882, and who was initiated into the Council on April 17, 1907, has been a member of the Council for 63 years. He is the old-

est member and has the oldest record in the Bishop Gerow Council. His many years of outstanding service and loyalty to the Council will long be remembered by the Brothers.

The present quarters of the Natchez Council at the corner of Union and State Streets received extensive damage by a fire in 1946. At that time, the Council Hall underwent a substantial renovation. Subsequently in the year of 1969, under the leadership of Grand Knight Francis C. Martin, Jr., the club authorized a complete renovation of the downstairs area which upon completion is recognized as one of the most modern and comfortable Council Halls in the State.



Bishop R. O. Gerow celebrating Mass in honor of the 50th Anniversary of the Council in June 1955.





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of Columbus, the Brothers have served at all Knight vigils of the Church, and were instrumental in initiating the organization of Troop 158 of the Boy Scouts. The Council has also sponsored young men and women attending the annual Boys and Girls State Conventions of Mississippi.

The R. O. Gerow Council has been very active in State Affairs since its inception, and was a leader for many years in State organization. Local Brothers who have served as State Deputy are:

Charles F. Engle	1905-1906
Robert A. Keyer, Sr.	1909-1910
Thomas A. McKenna	1926-1930
August J. Stone	1941-1944
John F. Smith	1952-1954

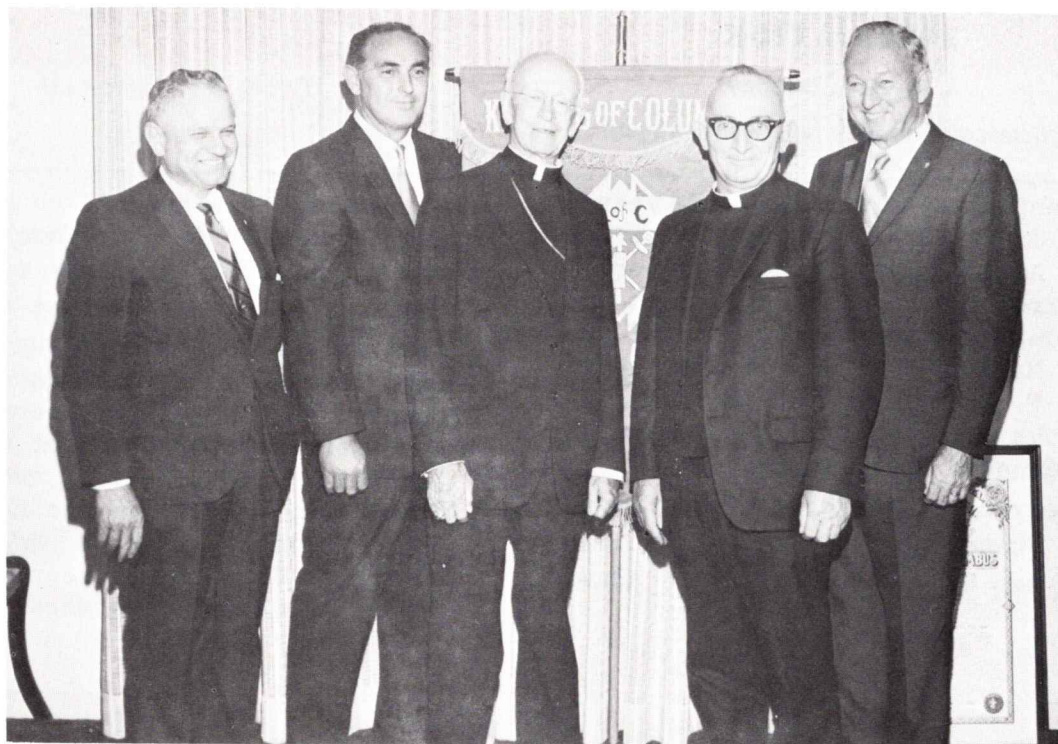
One of the most memorable occasions during the history of the Natchez Council was the celebration of the Golden Jubilee of the Natchez Council which was held on June 19, 1955. Monsignor Thomas Fullam was Chaplain at this time. August J. Stone, who has for many years served as a faithful and dedicated member of the local Council, served as General Chairman of the event which included a parade through downtown Natchez, and a Jubilee Banquet atop the Eola Hotel roof on the night of the celebration. All honorary and life members as well as Past Grand Knights of the Council were guests of honor on this occasion. Members of the Natchez Assembly, Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus with Francis D. Perrault, Marshal, led the parade through downtown Natchez. The only known living charter member, Charles F. Engle, was to have been a special Honoree on the said occasion, but passed away two weeks before the celebration. The presiding Grand Knight during this memorable occasion was Peter T. Burns. His Excellency Most Reverend Richard O. Gerow, STD, Bishop of Natchez and State Chaplain of the Knights of Columbus was the celebrant of a Pontifical Solemn High Mass. Bishop Gerow also gave the

principal address to his Brother Knights, distinguished guests, and others.

The Natchez Council has been extremely fortunate in having a long and illustrious succession of Brothers to serve as Grand Knight of the Council. Brother John F. Smith stands out in this group as the holder of the longest tenure in office, serving six years from 1929 to 1935. The other Grand Knights and their respective terms of office are as follows:

P. W. Mulvihill, Sr.	1905-1907
Robert A. Keyer, Sr. (Past State Deputy)	1907-1908
John S. Rouff	1908-1909
James K. Lambert	1909-1910
Thomas J. Junkin	1910-1911
E. H. Kelly	1911-1912
Theo. V. Wensel	1912-1914
Frank F. Duffy	1914-1915
Parnell Burns	1915-1916
G. O. Korndoffer	1916-1921
John F. D'Antoni	1921-1924
Thomas A. McKenna (Past State Deputy)	1924-1927
R. A. Klein, Sr.	1927-1928
Edwin J. Byrne	1928-1929
John F. Smith (Past State Deputy)	1929-1935
William J. Byrne	1935-1937
August J. Stone (Past State Deputy)	1937-1939
Dr. L. G. Logan	1939-1940
Anthony Catania	1940-1941
Clem Eidl	1941-1942
Joseph S. Zuccaro, Sr.	1942-1945
Clem Eidl	1945-1946
Patrick P. Burns	1946-1947
Samuel F. Junkin, Jr.	1947-1948
R. H. Ferguson, Jr.	1948-1949
John Q. Lambert	1949-1951
Robert C. Mulvihill	1951-1953
Peter P. Burns	1953-1955
Henry J. Foggo	1955-1956
Thomas L. Pizza	1956-1958
Axel Voss	1958-1960
Andrew Burns	1960-1962
John H. Sanguinetti	1962-1963
Premo Stallone, Jr.	1963-1964
E. W. Chatelain	1964-1965
Harold F. Hicks	1965-1966





Natchez Council No. 1034 renamed in honor of Bishop Richard O. Gerow in December, 1969. L. to R. Grand Knight Max Voss; Past Grand Knight Francis Martin; Bishop R. O. Gerow; Monsignor Paul Hession; and Past State Deputy August Stone.

An interesting historical note about the present Council Hall is that the electrical six-foot sign which hangs on the outside of the building was given to the Knights of Columbus by Mr. A. P. Waggoner to express his appreciation to the Natchez Council for its kindness in donating blood to his ill wife in the early 1940's.

It was also during the term of Brother Martin that the Richard Gerow Council in Natchez received the special distinction of being Number 1 Council in the state in the area of increased new membership and reinstatement of old memberships which brought the present total membership of the Natchez Council to an all time high of 333 members.

The membership of Richard O. Gerow Council No. 1034 has for many years distinguished itself by service to the city of Natchez, Adams County, and the State of Mississippi. This is exemplified in many ways including contributions by Brothers of the Council in the halls of city, county, and state government.

Among Brothers of the Natchez Council who have distinguished themselves in government service have been the First Grand Knight of the Council, Pat W. Mulvihill, Sr., who served as Sheriff of Adams County; Past Grand Knight William J. Byrne who served as Mayor of the city of Natchez for many years; Past Grand Knight Randall H. Ferguson, Jr., who served in the city





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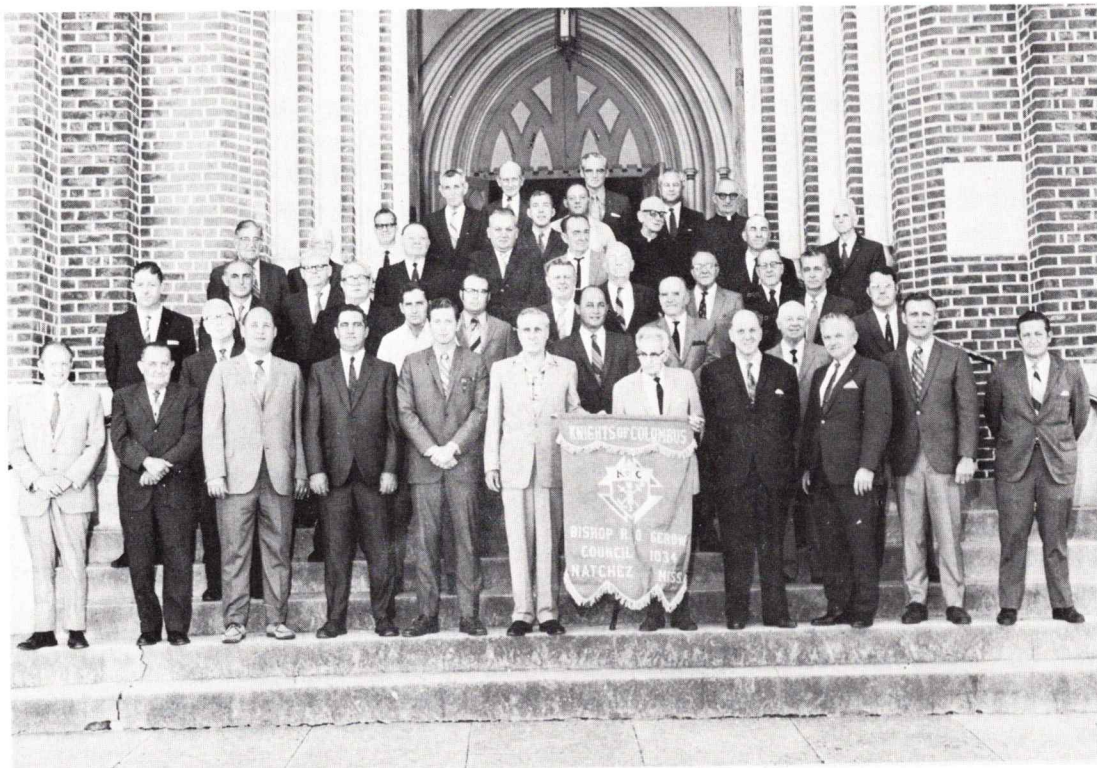
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government as Alderman for many years; Brother J. W. "Jake" Brown, who served on the Adams County Board of Supervisors; Brother O. C. Montgomery, who served on the Board of Aldermen of the city of Natchez; and Past State Deputy Charles F. Engle, who was charter member of the Council, and who served as State Senator from Adams County. He also served as President of the Mississippi State Bar Association; William Herbert was a former Sheriff of Adams County.

Among present office holders who are Brothers in the Natchez Council are Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Mississippi Legislature John R. Junkin; William Luscombe, former Justice of the Peace of Adams County and presently serving as Tax Assessor and Collector of the city of Natchez; J. Walter Brown, present State Representative to the Mississippi Legislature from Adams County; Joseph S. Zuccaro, present City Attorney of the city of Natchez; and Robert

A group of members of the Bishop Gerow Council No. 1034, Natchez, Mississippi assembled for a group Communion. September, 1970.





Burns, former Sheriff and present Chancery Clerk of Adams County; H. A. "Tony" Byrne, present Mayor of the city of Natchez; James T. O'Neill, present member of the Board of Election Commissioners of Adams County; Daniel J. O'Beirne, present City Prosecutor of the city of Natchez; Sidney Murray, Mayor of Vidalia, La., W. C. Falkenheimer, District Attorney, Vidalia, La.

Carrying on the tradition of fine leadership, the Natchez Council is ably represented for the 1970-71 term of office by the following slate of officers:

Monsignor Paul Hession.....Chaplain
Max Voss.....Grand Knight
George Sounderes...Deputy Grand Knight
Freddie Voss.....Chancellor
Robert Mulvihill.....Recorder
August J. Stone....Financial Secretary
Thomas J. O'Beirne.....Advocate

Edward Verucchi.....Warden
Sam Tuccio.....Lecturer
James Ogden.....Inside Guard
Tom Cobb.....Outside Guard
Jim Turchi.....Trustee
Richard Logan.....Trustee
Gene Clemonts.....Trustee

The Natchez Council which was chartered the Natchez Council No. 1034 decided in 1969 to change the name of the council to Bishop Richard O. Gerow Council No. 1034 in honor of a man whose humble and Christian example has been an inspiration to all members of the council. With the leadership and example rendered us by Bishop Gerow by his life as a man and as a religious leader of this state, the Bishop Richard O. Gerow Council No. 1034 of the city of Natchez looks forward to many years of worthwhile service and fraternal achievement to the council and to our fellow man.

THE KNIGHTS' TOWER

Dedication Day, November 20, 1959 as hundreds of dignitaries move in procession to the entrance of the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, D.C., through a corridor formed by more than 1,000 uniformed members of the Fourth Degree. The Campanile, left of the entrance, is the KNIGHTS' TOWER, erected at a cost of \$1,000,000 by the Order as the result of the invitation of the Hierarchy of the United States in recognition of the many contributions and programs in behalf of the Church by the Knights of Columbus.

The magnificent Carillon of 56 bells was also a gift of the Knights and the inaugural concert and dedication of these was held September 8, 1963.





PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States originated on Columbus Day, 1893. It contained no reference to Almighty God, until in New York City on April 22, 1951, the Board of Directors of the Knights of Columbus adopted a resolution to amend the Pledge of Allegiance as recited at the opening of each meeting of the 800 Fourth Degree Assemblies of the Knights of Columbus in the United States by the addition of the words "under God" after the words "one nation". The adoption of this resolve by the Supreme Board of Directors had the effect of an immediate initiation of this practice throughout the aforesaid Fourth Degree Assembly meetings.

At their annual State Meetings, held in April and May of 1952, the State Councils of Florida, South Dakota, New York and Michigan adopted resolutions recommending that the Pledge of Allegiance be so amended and that Congress be petitioned to have such amendment made effective.

On August 21, 1952, the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus at its annual meeting adopted a resolution urging that the change be made general and copies of this resolution were sent to the President, the Vice President (as Presiding Officer of the Senate) and the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The National Fraternal Congress meeting in Boston on September 24, 1952, adopted a similar resolution upon the recommendation of its President, Supreme Knight Luke E. Hart. Several State Fraternal Congresses acted likewise almost immediately thereafter.

At its annual meeting the following year, on August 20, 1953, the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus repeated its resolution to make this amendment to the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag general and to send copies of this resolve to the President, Vice President, Speaker of the House, and to each member of both Houses of Congress. From this latter action, many favorable replies were received, and a total of seventeen resolutions were introduced in the House of Representatives to so amend the Pledge of Allegiance as set forth in the Public Law relating to the use of the Flag. The resolution introduced by Congressman Louis C. Rabaut of Michigan was adopted by both Houses of Congress, and it was signed by President Eisenhower on Flag Day, June 14, 1954, thereby making official the amendment conceived, sponsored, and put into practice by the Knights of Columbus more than three years before.

In a message to Supreme Knight Luke E. Hart at the meeting of the Supreme Council in Louisville, August 17, 1954, President Eisenhower, in recognition of the initiative of the Knights of Columbus in originating and sponsoring the amendment to the Pledge of Allegiance, said:

"We are particularly thankful to you for your part in the movement to have the words 'under God' added to our Pledge of Allegiance. These words will remind Americans that despite our great physical strength we must remain humble. They will help us to keep constantly in our minds and hearts the spiritual and moral principles which alone give dignity to man, and upon which our way of life is founded. For the contribution which your organization has made to this cause, we must be genuinely grateful."

In August, 1954, the Illinois American Legion Convention adopted a resolution whereby recognition was given to the Knights of Columbus as having initiated, sponsored and brought about the amendment to the Pledge of Allegiance; and on October 6, 1954, the National Executive Committee of the American Legion gave its approval to that resolution.





BILOXI COUNCIL NO. 1244

(Formerly Gulf Coast Council No. 1244)

Biloxi

June 2, 1907

In the early spring of 1907, on the beautiful Gulf Coast of Mississippi, an excursion train from New Orleans came to a jerky stop at the depot in the City of Biloxi. Stepping from the train was James Durel, Sr. resident of New Orleans and a member of the Knights of Columbus. The purpose of his trip was primarily for a visit with his young son, James Durel, Jr., but proved to be much more eventful as it resulted in the organization of Council No. 1244.

At this period in the history of our city, one of the oldest in the United States, having been founded by that fearless and loyal Catholic French Canadian, Pierre Le Moyne D'Iberville in 1699, the population was about 6500 and predominately Catholic. As James Durel, Sr., evaluated these facts, he concluded that a council of the Knights of Columbus should be founded in Biloxi.

The logical person to discuss such an evaluation with would normally be a member of the Order. Brother Durel found such a person in Father Doherty, assistant to the Very Reverend Alphonse Ketels, Pastor of Nativity Church. Father Doherty, after being thoroughly informed of Brother Durel's thoughts on the subject and with the approval of Father Ketels, who was destined to become the first Chaplain of Council No. 1244, concurred in the recommendation and set about to lay the ground work.

Father Doherty's first move was to select a committee of nine prominent Catholic laymen in the city and advise them of the plan. The committee, composed of B. F. Markey, G. J. Wiltz, W. H. Murphy, P. H. Prieur, V. V. Meunier, Frank J. Schaub, Gus Henselena, A. J. Bourdon and A. Chapella. The committee found that it would be necessary for them to be initiated prior to the initiation of the Charter Class. In early May 1907, arrangements were made to have the members of the committee initiated at an exemplification held in Mobile, Alabama and sponsored by Mobile Council No. 666.

Press releases appearing in the Herald on Thursday, May 30, 1907, Monday, June 3, 1907, and Wednesday, June 5, 1907 were as follows: "COUNCIL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

WILL BE ORGANIZED IN THIS CITY NEXT SUNDAY AT DUKATE'S THEATRE. MORE THAN 500 VISITORS WILL BE PRESENT AND FIFTY MEMBERS INITIATED."

The initiating team was composed of Knights of Chicago, Birmingham and Mobile. The institution of the council here was with the approval of Honorable S. E. Treanor of Vicksburg, State Deputy, while Honorable Sterling A. Wood of Birmingham, who acting as District Deputy, had had entire charge of the formation of the council, will accompany the Knights from Birmingham and will be the master of ceremonies at the banquet in the evening.

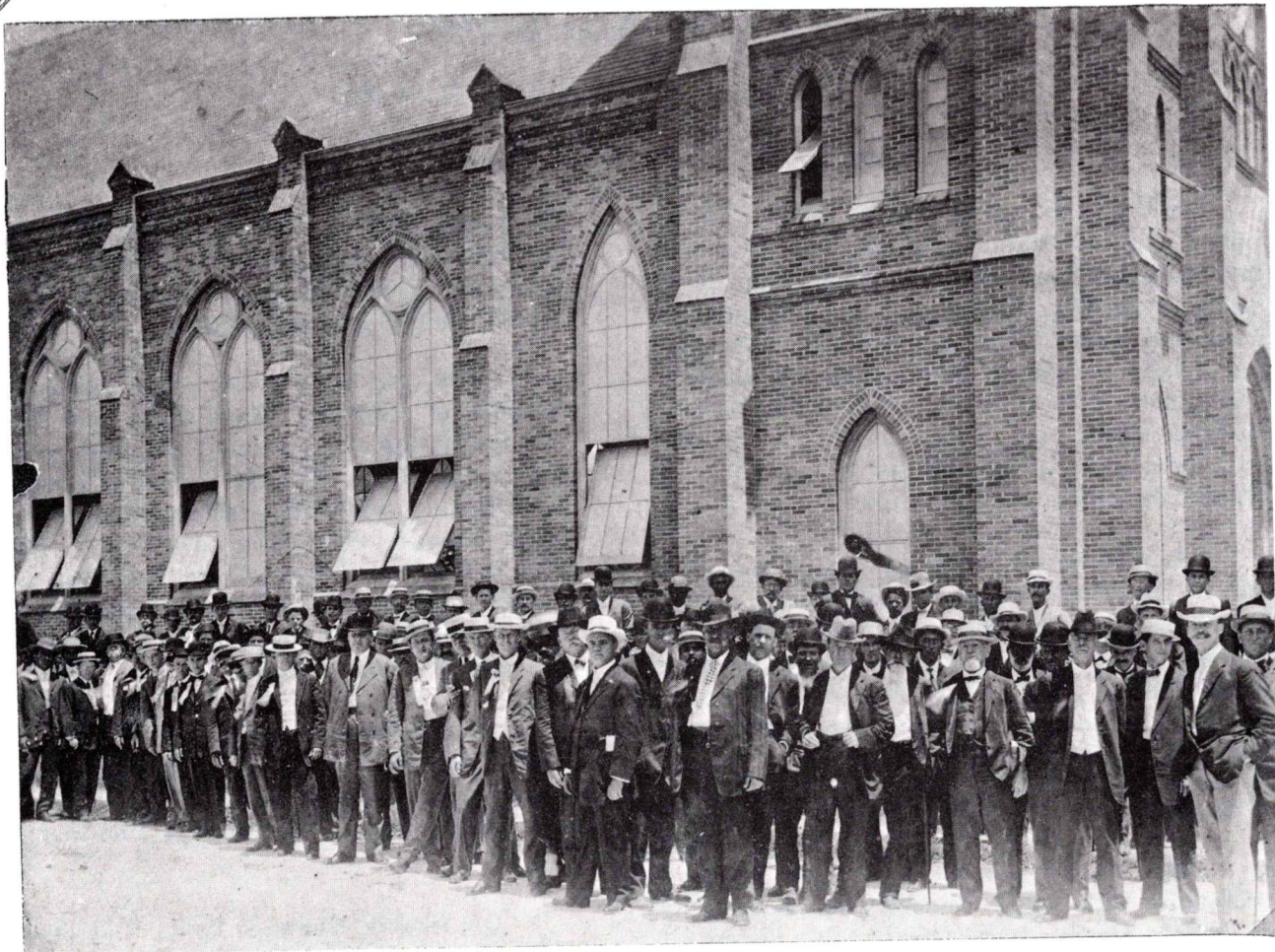
From Mobile, over 100 members of Mobile Council No. 666, Knights of Columbus, accompanied by their wives and lady friends attended, with the delegation from Chicago also in attendance.

On Sunday, June 2, 1907, with beautiful weather such as only the Gulf Coast can boast of, and according to a prearranged program, Gulf Coast Council No. 1244, Knights of Columbus was organized in Biloxi, with fifty-eight candidates receiving the initiatory rites at Dukate's Theatre. All told there were about six hundred out of town knights and ladies who came to Biloxi to do honor to the occasion.

On Monday, June 3, 1907, its first meeting since organization, the following officers were elected:

Grand Knight	Ben F. Markey
Deputy Grand Knight	P. H. Prieur
Chancellor	J. A. Mauffray,
	Mississippi City
Financial Secretary	G. J. Wiltz
Recorder	J. E. Hebert
Treasurer	Joseph Combel
Advocate	W. F. Gorenflo
Lecturer	Elbert L. Dukate
Warden	A. J. Bourdon
Inner Guard	V. V. Meunier
Outer Guard	F. Burns, Gulfport
Board of Trustees	W. M. Murphy,
	E. Deporte, Sr.





One of the first initiations held by the Biloxi Council No. 1244.

F. D. Moran,
J. B. Roe of Gulfport
C. A. Simpson,
of Gulfport

Chaplain Very Rev. Alphonse Ketels

Thus it came to pass that the first council of Knights of Columbus on the Gulf Coast had its inception. The untiring efforts of Ben F. Markey and his committee were adequately rewarded, the Council had become a reality and officers elected to take command. The council had sixty-four gallant charter members.

Grand Knight Markey was deluged with requests as to when the next class would be held. Grand Knight Markey made plans for the second class to be held on October 20, 1907 and due to the many requests a third class was set up for March 1, 1908.

Sunday, December 13, 1908 was a red letter day with the Knights of Columbus when some forty members were initiated at Bay St. Louis. Gulf Coast Council No. 1244 covered the entire coast with headquarters at Biloxi where three previous classes have been initiated. On account of the large number of applications from Bay St. Louis and the western end of the coast, it was decided as only fair that this initiation should be held at Bay St. Louis instead of Biloxi.

On February 6, 1919, the name of Gulf Coast Council was changed to Biloxi Council No. 1244.

On July 11, 1921, Biloxi Council No. 1244, Nativity Parish and the Gulf Coast mourned the death of their beloved Chaplain, Pastor and friend, the Very Rev. Alphonse Ketels.





Father Ketels had served as council Chaplain for fourteen years.

Interest in initiations was predominant, as evidenced by a very successful one held on April 22, 1923. There was a total of sixty-one candidates taken into the ranks; the largest number, thirty in number, coming from Biloxi. The newly organized Knights of Columbus Brass Band made its first appearance. It was strengthened with the addition of several nonmembers for the first occasion. The organization was to furnish music for all future Knights of Columbus affairs along the Mississippi Coast.

In 1931, John A. O'Keefe, one of the most illustrious of our members, took office as the 19th Grand Knight. Brother O'Keefe exemplified a true Catholic layman. In his two and one-half years in office, he brought much prestige and honor to Biloxi Council. He was later elec-

ted to the office of State Deputy, an office which he held for three years. Grand Knight O'Keefe was at a later date elected Mayor of the City of Biloxi and still later served as Adjutant General during the administration of Governor Hugh White. During Brother O'Keefe's term of office as Grand Knight, several important events transpired. Of considerable importance was the organization of Boy Scout Troop 213. The troop was chartered with Brother Albert Ragusin as the first scoutmaster, and the Knights of Columbus has been their sponsor since their first charter.

During his term as Grand Knight, Brother Frank "Yankie" Barhonovich, originated the idea of having a football game for the benefit of the Doll and Toy Fund. Two games were played between the members of the Biloxi and Bay St. Louis Councils, which netted \$253.53 for the Doll and Toy Fund. It was during 1944 that the name "Shrimp Bowl" was officially ad-



Honoring the first "Knight of the Quarter"
April, 1964.

Donation of a New Car to the "Sisters of Mercy"
by Past Grand Knight Billy Lyons.





opted as the legal name of the annual charity football game. The Shrimp Bowl donations were later to include the donation to the St. Vincent de Paul Society within the area of Biloxi.

On July 5, 1951, Brother Hilton Seymour took office, as the 31st Grand Knight, to serve the first of three successive terms. During Brother Seymour's term the largest initiation ever held on the coast took place, with eighty-four candidates in the class.

During Grand Knight Seymour's term \$1,301.45 were donated to the Notre Dame Building Fund. The council assisted in the sponsorship of a social benefit which netted over \$3,000 for the benefit of Nativity Parish improvements.

On May 22-24, 1954, Biloxi Council was host council for the 50th Annual State Convention, considered by many as one of the best ever held. One of the important features of that convention was the emphasis placed on the subject of the Priest Educational Fund. Most Rev. Bishop Gerow discarded his prepared address and enumerated his thoughts on the subject of such a fund.

On February 17, 1955, during the Columbus Day banquet, the first officers of the newly organized Ladies Auxillary were installed.

The council had been sponsoring two Boy Scout Troops but was prevailed upon to relinquish the sponsorship of Troop 216 in Ocean Springs to St. Alphonsus's Parish, Ocean Springs, Mississippi.

Brother Hilton Seymour was appointed as General Chairman for the 50th Anniversary and on June 1st, 1957, a successful banquet was held to commemorate our Golden Jubilee, for establishment of Columbianism on the Mississippi Gulf Coast. Guest speaker was Supreme Director Pierotti.

On 23 January 1958, a general discussion was held with Mr. John Collins, on plans for building a new Council Home. On 20 March 1958, a lease was signed with Mississippi Employment Commission for a ten year lease for office space in the new Council Home, thus making it able for us to go ahead and have the plans finalized. Ground breaking ceremony was held during the State Convention with Bishop Gerow in attendance.

The Chairman of the building committee, Hilton Seymour stated that five contractors had submitted bids, at which time it was decided to raise additional funds in order to build the second story.

During the month of January 1959, the move was made from the old Council Hall into the new Council Hall. Dedication of the new Council Hall was held on April 5, 1959 and was dedicated to the Sacred Heart by Father Kavanaugh, Chaplain of this Council.

During the term of Grand Knight William Lyons, 1964-65, a car was purchased from Patterson Pontiac and was donated to the Sisters of Mercy at Sacred Heart Convent, Biloxi.

Council 1244 attends monthly corporate communion with family participation at eight different parishes.

The Council formed a First Degree Team during the year 1958 and held numerous initiations. Members of the Degree Team participated with other Degree Teams in exemplifications of Second and Third Degree.

On March 23, 1969, Biloxi held a very successful initiation of the three degrees, the last initiation to be held in Mississippi under the old ceremonials. Seven councils from the coast and Springhill Council No. 3038, Mobile, Ala., participated in exemplification of the three degrees.

In closing the pages on the history of Biloxi Council No. 1244 for these 63 years of progress, it must be stated that its success is due to the dedicated Knights who joined our ranks, gave their best and then left; and also to those who are still with us. The history of the Biloxi Council started in a rented upstairs building on Howard Ave., Biloxi, to several other locations throughout the community. In the year 1947, a parcel of land fronting the beach was purchased and as the council continued to grow, a two story building was built for the sum of approximately \$80,000. It is fitting to say that our successful achievements and continuous growth can be attributed to all our dedicated Brother Knights - living and deceased.





One of the Many Yearly Activities -- "A Halloween Carnival".



"JOHN CRUSO CLASS" -- 1965





PERE LE DUC		COUNCIL No.1522	
BAY ST. LOUIS			
OUR DEPARTED BROTHERS			
ENTERED		DIED	ENTERED
1912 HERLIHY T.H.		1916 LADNER JOHN J.	1937
15 RAMOND CLARENCE	17	24 BENIGNO JOHN	38
14 MAUFFRAY N.T.	18	23 GEX EMILE J.	38
15 SCAFIDE JOS.	18	26 KICKHAM T.W.	38
08 CONNOR JOHN	19	24 BLAIZE R.N.	39
23 SCAFIDE A.P.	23	08 CUEVAS U.A.	39
18 GARRIGA W.	24	24 PRAETORIUS F.	39
11 CAZENEUVE JOS.F.	24	18 MARTI JAMES	39
07 BORDAGES F.C.	25	HILLEN CHAS.	37
21 BATTISTELLA A.	25	KERGOSIEN A.A. DE	40
08 MCGINN P.J.	25	MOREAU CHAS. G.	41
20 CHOINA LEO C.	27	14 FAHEY EDMUND F. Sr.	41
24 VANCOURT J.N.	27	13 BLAIZE LEO P. Sr.	47
FRANZ L.	28	40 FAHEY EDMUND F. Jr.	47
08 MAUFFRAY J.C.	29	19 FAYARD HENRY T.	47
13 NECAISE THEO.	29	13 BORDAGES JOHN J.B.	47
26 BOURGEOIS L.S.	29	24 WOLFE J. TOWNSEND	47
20 SCHIEB GEO. F.	31	01 DAVIDSON W. DE	48
09 SCAFIDE ANDREW	32	40 NECAISE SIMON	49
20 BENVENUTTI A.D. Sr.	32	49 BOUDIN GEORGE	49
02 SCHIEB JOHN WM.	35	18 SCHIRO AUGUST	50
14 FAVRE JOS. L.	34	19 FAHEY ^{MOST REV.} LEO F.	50
19 QUINTINI THOS.	35	19 COMMAGERE P.M.	50
14 CHAUVET P.J.	35	47 GUILBAULT GEO.	50
19 CURET CHES. W.	37	08 GREEN JOHN A.	51
19 HERLIHY G.T.	37	18 FAVRE ALPHONSE G.	51

Pere Le Duc Council No. 1522
Honors their departed Brothers.

PERE LE DUC		COUNCIL 1522	
BAY ST. LOUIS			
OUR DEPARTED BROTHERS			
ENTERED	DIED	ENTERED	DIED
1919 TUDURY HENRY J.	1952	1952 THEODORE MOREL	1962
40 ANTHONY TRAPANI	53	17 REV. M. J. COSTELLO	62
12 JOSEPH O. MAUFFRAY	53	17 J. T. MCALEB	62
67 ARTHUR SCAFIDE	54	18 C. T. SCHMIDT	62
18 J. P. MORERE	54	54 HARRY W. LYNCH	63
15 REV. CANON SORIN	55	52 JOHN WEATHERS	63
45 ELDER SELLIER	55	23 WALLACE BONTEMPS	64
10 Rt. Rev. Msgr. A. J. GMECH	55	FRED HERLIHY	64
14 HENRY COLSON	57	D. W. JOHNSON	64
56 IVAN BRADFORD JR.	57	36 ROGER HEITZMAN	64
56 EDMUND A. AIME	57	20 ANDREW ASHER	64
45 JOHN THOMAS	58	46 GEORGE ANDERSON	64
24 CLAUDE BOURGEOIS	58	PETER CHINICHE	64
73 ANTHONY LOICAND	58	49 ARTHUR CHAPMAN	65
12 GEORGE BOH	58	37 EDWARD LADNER	65
26 RAYMOND CARRIO	59	46 JOSEPH FAVRE	65
21 FUNSTON MAUFFRAY	59	15 JOSEPH DI BENEDETTO, SR.	66
44 PASCAL CARUSO	59	12 WILLIAM STAENLE	66
44 RAY STIEFFEL	59	42 IRWIN BONTEMPS	67
36 RANDOLPH BOURGEOIS	60	RALPH N. BLAIZE	68
52 WM. W. BALTAR	61	19 JOSEPH N. BENVENUTTI, SR.	68
19 A. D. BENVENUTTI, JR.	61	44 MAURICE ARTIGUES	68
52 L. F. PUCHEU, JR.	61	38 BERNARD FARRELLY	68
39 JAMES ARNOLD	62		
50 STANLEY BOURGEOIS	62		





PERE LE DUC COUNCIL NO. 1522

Bay St. Louis

December 18, 1910

In the Year of Our Lord 1910, travel between the historic Gulf Coast communities of Bay St. Louis and Biloxi was a rigorous and time - consuming undertaking, due to the existing modes of transportation.

Still it was customary for faithful Knights of Columbus in the Bay St. Louis environs to make that difficult trek in order to attend meetings in Biloxi of the Gulf Coast Council No. 1244, at that time the only council between New Orleans and Mobile.

Doubtless, this transportation difficulty germinated the idea of forming a new council at Bay St. Louis. The idea blossomed into action and on December 18, 1910, the Pere LeDuc Council No. 1522 was chartered by the Supreme Council. The council name in honor of the beloved Pastor, Father Henry LeDuc, had 33 charter members and they were as follows:

G. Y. Blaize
Lionel P. Blaize
Raphael S. Blaize
Victor M. Blaize
Frank C. Bordages, Sr.
Paul J. Chauvet
John Conner
E. A. Cuevas
Frank S. Fabre
F. F. Farrell
Charles A. Fricke
Albert J. Gaspard
Emile J. Gex
John A. Green
Rev. W. S. Irwin
Albert Jones
A. W. Lang
A. A. Kergosien
Antonio Loiacano
John A. Lozes
Pat J. McGinn
John T. McDonald
John T. McDonald, Jr.

Joseph O. Mauffray
J. C. Mauffray
Charles G. Moreau
Andrew Scafidi
Rev. John M. Prendergast
Andrew Spotorno
John B. Spotorno
Gus E. Templet
Alex Torzegi
Frank B. Wittmann

The first official visit to the new council by a state officer occurred on January 28, 1911, when the Pere LeDuc council entertained George F. McDonnell of Jackson, State Deputy of Mississippi Jurisdiction.

At a council meeting on July 13, 1911, it was announced that Bay St. Louis had been selected as the site of the 1912 state convention.

Three councils at Bay St. Louis, Biloxi, and Gulfport existed on the Coast by September 16, 1916, when Joseph O. Muaffray was re-elected as Grand Knight of Pere LeDuc Council. Dr. A. A. Kergosien was named Deputy Grand Knight, the Rev. Nelius Downing as Lecturer and the Rev. John M. Prendergast as Chaplain.

Bay St. Louis was the site of the annual State convention opening May 25, 1918 in the K. of C. Hall on the beach front, and saw Bishop Gunn of Natchez elected State Chaplain and J. H. Culkins of Vicksburg as State Deputy.

The following morning the convention continued aboard the Acacia owned by Henry Piaggio of Gulfport "and the business of the convention transacted on the boat with the delightful breeze adding to the pleasure of the trip".





Joseph O. Mauffray, Grand Knight of the local council was elected to delegate to the national convention in New York City.

In a local council election held September 8, 1918, Bro. Mauffray was succeeded as Grand Knight by Robert L. Genin.

In an annual election on September 20, 1919, the Council again turned to Joseph O. Mauffray, its first Grand Knight, for further leadership.

The minutes also noted that at this time membership in Pere LeDuc Council was the largest in the nine-year history of the organization with about 30 members received in the September 7 initiation and another class of candidates was already being started.

Also, the record shows the council owned its own building, was contemplating building improvements, and "its finances are excellent".

November 22, 1920, G. H. Sheib, A. P. Loicano, Asa Fayard, Enoch J. Authement and Emile F. Adam of Pere LeDuc Council were among the class of candidates when exemplification of the first, second, and third degree was held in Gulfport.

May 13, 1923, the degrees were conferred on L. Mauffray, Forest Farve, Wallace J. Bontemps, Anthony Scafidi, D. Carver, V. Colson, Alphonse Fayard and S. C. Larkin.

On October 3, 1925, Rev. A. J. Gmelch, Joseph O. Mauffray, E. J. Giering, Arthur A. Scafidi, Alden Mauffray, Joseph Adam, Jr., August Schiro and Leo Murtagh attended an installation of officers at the Gulfport Council.

May 9, 1926, the Most Rev. Richard O. Gerow was the principal speaker at the state convention hosted by Pere LeDuc Council.

May 23, 1926, some 500 K. of C.'s visited Bay St. Louis for an initiation of 60 new members.

September 18, 1926, A. G. Farve was reelected Grand Knight. Henry Scafide was awarded the unique honor and distinction of being reelected chief chef. Spaghetti, it was noted, was his speciality.

October 16, 1926, with the need to disseminate information and to keep up with increasing activities and commitments, the council endorsed issuance of a printed monthly bulletin to be named "The Cable". Rev. Leo Fahey, lecturer was elected managing editor.

Memorial services were held November 13, 1926 for the following departed members: T.H. Herlihy, N. T. Mauffray, William Frankey, Jr., Clarence Ramond, Joseph Scafide, Alphonse Fahey, John Conner, James F. Freret, Anthony Scafide, Joseph F. Cazeneuve, A. Battistella, P. J. McGenn, and George Mallard.

October 7, 1932 in connection with the national celebration of the Golden Anniversary of the Knights of Columbus in the United States, State Deputy A. G. Farve gave a radio address over radio station WGCM in Gulfport, entitled "Fifty Years with the Knights of Columbus".

Father Fahey was in charge of the program participated in by all Coast Councils.

June 2, 1933, the annual state convention was held in Bay St. Louis and A. G. Farve was reelected state deputy.

September 1934, Father Fahey and Grand Knight A. G. Farve attended the national convention in Detroit.

November 13, 1936, the following new members were initiated into the Knights of Columbus: Peter Chiniche, Joseph Gilbert, Charles Kergosien,





Theodore Stechmenn, Vincent Morreale, George Heitzmann, George Peranich, Sam. Benigno, M. J. Wolfe, T. F. Monti, Carl Arnold, Roger Heitzmann, Howard Carver, Anthony Compretta, Eugene Monti, August Scafidi, Sylvester Chiniche, John Benigno, Sam Compretta, C.J. Gordon, A. D. Benvenutti III and Earl Ramond.

December 1936 the council combined the celebration of its 26th anniversary, with a Christmas celebration at the Hall. Entertainment was furnished by Rev. Leo Fahey's Rhythm Boys, The German Band made up of Italians.

At an initiation on May 30, 1937, in Bay St. Louis 21 candidates received Knighthood. They were John Morere, Walter Turcotte, John Demoran, Irvin Higgins, Noland Taconi, Martial Blanchard, O. Blanchard, Constant Higgins, George Anderson, Joseph Chiniche, George Benigno, Edward Heitzmann, Jr., Charles A. Breath, Jr., and Edward Ladner.

July 1937 Father Fahey formed a male choir to sing at Sunday Mass.

April 26, 1939, initiated into Pere LeDuc Council in a ceremony at Biloxi were Theodore Thomas, Erwin J. Ladner, James Arnold, Warren Buehler Otto Beuhler, Jr., Owen Heitzmann, Samuel Charles Benigno, Fred E. Fayard Joseph Colson, Gus Thomas, and Herman J. Fayard.

June 9, 1939, Alden Mauffray was elected Grand Knight at the annual election of officers.

October 3, 1939, a resolution was adopted to place a plaque in the Council Chamber listing all of the deceased members, with the dates of their entry, and date of their deaths.

December 5, 1939, Pere LeDuc Council sponsored a foot ball game between members coached by Gene Monti and Vincent Morreale for the benefit of the Doll and Toy Fund for underprivileged children. It was the Bay Mullet Chasers vs. the Pass Shrimp Pickers. The game netted \$114.00.

July 3, 1942, State Deputy A. J. Stone of Natchez installed Grand Knight Fred Herlihy and other newly elected officers.

April 13, 1945, a fair held on the grounds of Our Lady of the Gulf Church, Pere LeDuc Council successfully raised money for the K. of C. building fund.

August 31, 1945, Grand Knight Robert Camors announced that the debt on the Hall had been cleared and the mortgage had been burned.

On May 10, 1946, in Biloxi, there were these members initiated: A. G. Curtis, Jr., Nelius Farve, L. A. Rogers J. F. Chouset, J. B. Firpo. Joseph H. Benvenutti, Rev. Dominic Down, Louis J. Fernandez, Otto J. Mollere.

May 28, 1946, the 42nd annual convention of the K. of C. of Mississippi was held in Bay St. Louis. Delegates were taken up Jordan River and Bayou LaCroix on a boat trip with a shrimp boil held at Sugar Field.

December 26, 1947, Pere LeDuc Council pledged \$740.00 toward construction of a chapel at State College as a memorial from the Knights of Columbus of the State of Mississippi.

June 11, 1948, Pere LeDuc Council was honored by the presence of the Most Rev. Leo F. Fahey, former council lecturer and now Bishop of Ipsus and coadjutor of Baker City, Oregon. The Bishop recalled many incidents during his service in the Bay for 30 years, and stated he had no intention of changing his membership.

August 6, 1968, the first Degree Team to be formed in Pere LeDuc Council and within the District was introduced by Brother James A. Seghers. An incomplete list of the Original Degree Team includes:





James A. Seghers
George Anderson
M. D. Rutherford
Edward Heitzmann
George Heitzmann
Joe Cacippo
Irwin Bontemps
Joseph Compretta
J. T. McCaleb, Sr.
Pete Benvenutti
Lucas Pucheu
W. E. Boes
Warren Carver
John Scafidi
Sylvester Benigno
Sam Compretta

June 12, 1949, 78 candidates were received into the Order of Knights of Columbus at an exemplification ceremony dedicated to Joseph O. Mauffray Charter Member, former Grand Knight, and District and State Deputy.

March 2, 1950, Bay St. Louis men initiated into the Order at Pascagoula were Father Patrick Grant, L. Hanover, V. Haas, Conrad Mauffray, S. Bourgeois, L. Caruso, Jr., H. Geoffrey, E. Larsen, H. Saucier, and Eugene Moran. Grand Knight Peter Benvenutti and 15 members attended the initiation.

July 3, 1951, installation of new officers including I. L. Bontemps as Grand Knight was observed in ceremony conducted by State Advocate J. T. McCaleb, Sr., and District Deputy Wilmer Thibaux.

August 21, 1951, District Deputy, W. Thibaux and his son Carl attended the Supreme Convention in Pittsburg, Pa., D. D. Thibaux was a delegate to the convention.

Candidates from the Bay who were initiated in Biloxi on April 20, 1952, included James H. Moran, John Ryan, L. A. Garcia, John Ladner, Francis Shubert, Irwin Kingston, George Farve, Louis Moreau, J. C. Mauffray, W. J. Traub, J. L. Boudin, J. Weathers, and Russell Maurigi.

April 17, 1955, 73 men were initiated into the K. of C. with 500 Knights present for the ceremony in Bay St. Louis. Local men initiated include Anthony Benigno, H. Mazarakas, F. Bourgeois, M. L. Durel, G. Drew, J. Aiegler, E. Peredilo, Grannison and Kent Sellier, Carl Banderet, M. Artiguez, Frank Lombardo, B. Morrealle, R. L. Kemery, Henry Farve, G. Maurigi, Jr. Roy and Clois Dedeaux, Leroy Luke, Emmet Brown and Gregory Farve.

July 10, 1955 Grand Knight George Heitzmann and other new officers were installed by District Deputy Hilton A. Seymour of Biloxi.

On October 19, 1955, a woman's auxiliary to Pere LeDuc Council was organized with 47 women present for the first meeting. Officers were Mrs. Delta Jacobi, President, Mrs. L. Grass, Vice President, Yvette Anderson, Recording Secretary, Claire Bourgeois, Corresponding Secretary, Elma Thibaux, Treasurer, Effice Mazarakas, Board Member, Msgr. Michael J. McCarthy, Chaplain, Mrs. Margaret Heitzmann Auxiliary Chaplain, Shirley LaFontaine and Valeirie Marengo, Publicity Chairmen.

June 21, 1956, officers elected were Ed Murtagh, G.K., R. Lafontaine, Jr., DKG, A. Grass, Chancellor, F. Anderson, Warden, Tony Morreale and L. Luke, Guards, E. J. Marengo, Treasurer I. Bontemps, Recorder; W. J. Bontemps, Financial Secretary, T. J. McCaleb, Sr., Advocate; Charles Gottschalk, J. Benvenutti and Msgr. M. J. McCarthy, Chaplain.

July 15, 1957, Brother B. D. Johnson as chairman of Relief Committee of Cameron, Louisiana, delivered one ton of clothing to the people in this flood stricken area, plus \$150 in cash donation by the council.

October 13, 1957, the following men were initiated into the K. of C. :





H. V. Carver, N. Garcia, Father Mercier
W. C. Osborne, H. Prevou, J. J. Carver
and R. K. Sellier.

Receiving Knighthood in Gulfport
in April 1958 were Dr. F. Schmidt, E.
Fayard, R. Bienvenu, Jr., K. Argiues ,
M. Nichols, Frank Klein, Jr., A. Grass
Jr., Roy Saux, S. Bourgeois, T. Moran,
and L. Garcia.

Lucas Pucheu was named Grand
Knight on June 5, 1958.

February 8, 1958, the following
new members were initiated in the Bay
J. J. Ryan, L. Smith, G. Freeman, H.E.
Ming, Jr., A. J. Ladner, J. A. Klein,
H. Stieffel, C. Ladner, C. D. Gotts -
chalk, A. J. Scafidi, Jr., G. L. Sue -
zeneau, Jr., L. D. Fayard, A.J. Piazza
Sr., Jake Morrealle, and Rev. Kevin
Reid.

At the regular meeting June 1, 1959
the following officers were elected :
J. T. McCaleb, Sr., Grand Knight; L.
Luke, Deputy Grand Knight, A. Grass,
Chancellor, I. Bontemps, Recorder, C. J.
Piazza, Treasurer, C. Poolson, Warden ,
T. Morrealle and G. Freeman, Guards, L.
Kidd, Advocate and L. Puchue, Trustee.

November 2, 1959, Memorial Services
were held for departed brothers R. Car -
rio, G. Boh, F. Mauffray and P. Caruso.

June 6, 1960, G. Freeman was elec -
ted to the office of Grand Knight.

November 7, 1960, Randolph Bour -
geois and Ray Steiffel were honored at
memorial services.

December 18, 1960, Pere LeDuc Coun -
cil celebrated its Golden Jubilee, the
three remaining charter members - Ralph
Blaize, Andrew Sportono, and Frank P.
Wittman, Sr., were honored guests at a
dinner. In attendance were Bishop Ger -
ow, State Deputy, Vernon DeJean, members
of the clergy, state officers, local of -
ficers, brother members and their ladies
Past State Deputy L. A. Koennen was

guest speaker and Brother Johnnie Sca -
fidi was Master of Ceremonies.

In commemoration of the 50th an -
niversary a "History of the Establish -
ment of Columbianism in Hancock County ,
Mississippi" was published. This his -
tory was compiled by Brother George
Heitzmann.

The above mentioned publication
provided the basic reference for this
history.

On November 6, 1961, Memorial Ser -
vices were held for A. D. Benvenutti ,
Jr., William Balterand Louis Pucheu.

December 4, 1961 -- newly initiated
members Marian Wolfe, Jr., J. Bradford ,
D. Truetel, R. Goodsell, C. Ladner, T.
Scafidi, A. Loiciano, N. Green, A. Bounds
R. Ferry, A. Rauxet, C. Colson, R. Mo -
realle and Father G. Cleary were wel -
comed into the council.

Curtis Matherne was elected Grand
Knight on June 4, 1962.

Pat Murphy was installed as Grand
Knight on July 1, 1963 by State Deputy
Fred Westbrook.

November 2, 1963 Memorial Services
were held for Harry Lynch.

Frank Corso and A. J. Necaise were
admitted to the order in Biloxi on Mar.
2, 1964.

Brother Wallace Bontemps, Finan -
cial Secretary for over twenty years as
well as manager of the Degree Team pas -
sed away during February 1964.

April 20, 1964, newly initiated in
to membership were:

Father Foley,
J. Henry
D. Everett, Sr.
D. Everett, Jr.
C. Rhodes II





Jack Sotak
G. Carl
R. Compretta
Sam Perniciarro
J. Morrealle
H. Pullizzano
A. Brignac
M. Bradford
D. J. Ladner
W. Carr
L. Perniciarro
J. Perniciarro
Billy Kidd

Msgr. James Hannon was principal speaker at the Columbus Day celebration on October 12, 1964. Brother Fabian Boquai was Master of Ceremonies.

Memorial Services for Brothers W. Bontemps, Fred Herlihy, A. W. Johnson, Roger Heitzmann, G. Anderson, Peter Chinich and Andrew Asher were held on November 9, 1964.

The Degree Team under the able direction of its new manager, Donald Ladner, participated in ceremonies in Vicksburg on November 15, 1964.

Henry Lang was installed as Grand Knight by District Deputy Joe Benvenutti on July 12, 1965.

Memorial services were held on Nov 6, 1965 for Brothers Ed Ladner, Joseph Farve and Arthur Chapman.

In the first open installation of officers in the history of the council, Pete Benvenutti was installed as Grand Knight on July 25, 1966 by District Deputy Fritz Oberlies of Gulfport.

Memorial Services were held on November 7, 1966 for departed brothers Joe DiBenedetto and William Staehle. Present were relatives of the deceased members, brother members, their wives, and friends.

On September 19, 1966, the Council

passed a resolution expressing its appreciation to Bishop Gerow (on the announcement of his retirement) for the outstanding work he had done and the many accomplishments he has achieved in addition to being active in the Knights of Columbus over the years.

Father Richard Sommers, Randy Adam, Charles Walling, Ronald Gavanie, H. Pullizzano, Jr., R. Chinichi, R. Stechmann, R. Largay, J. Michel, W. Rose, J. Wilkin son, G. Hammer, B. Monti, M. J. Gleber, Bill Steele, W. Hoda, and Leslie Blaize, Jr., were initiated into the order on May 28, 1967 at the Bay.

On September 16, 1967, the Councils honored Brother Ed Arceneaux, Sr., on his 50th anniversary as a Knight of Columbus.

Memorial services were held on November 13 for departed brothers Joseph O. Moran and Phil Hurley.

John Kenny, Jules Remel, and Thomas Hayes were initiated into the order at Gulfport on March 20, 1968

C. J. Piazza was elevated to the office of Grand Knight on June 17, 1968.

Maurice Artigues, Joseph N. Benvenutti, Sr., Ralph N. Blaize, Irwin Bontemps and Bernard Farrelly were remembered at Memorial Services on November 16, 1968.

On August 17, 1969, Hurricane Camille struck the Mississippi Gulf Coast with tremendous damage. Our council was fortunate in that none of its members or their immediate families lost their lives, but the damage done to the homes and personal property was great.

We are grateful to all those who came to our aid. Through the grace of God and their help, we are once again able to rebuild and go forward.

On June 14, 1970, Pete Benvenutti,





once again, was elected to Grand Knight. Also elected to serve with him were Bob Goodsell, Deputy Grand Knight, John Benigno, Chancellor, Ralph Largay, Recorder, Randy Adams, Treasurer, Joe Benvenuti, Advocate; George Hammer, Ward

en Tony Morealle and Sam Compretta, the Guards, C. J. Piazza, Pat Murphy, and Bill Steele, Trustees, Ed Murtagh, Financial Secretary, Norman Benigno, Lecturer, and Father John Kelly, Chaplain.



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- 1882—Order founded by Reverend Michael J. McGivney and the Incorporators.
- 1897—Councils were established throughout New England and along the upper Atlantic seaboard.
- 1902—Membership reached 78,486.
- 1905—Order now spread from Quebec to California and from Florida to Washington. April 23—Institution of Council No. 1000—Philippines.
- 1907—Order's Councils are found throughout all of North America.
- 1917—World War I—Knights of Columbus canteen hospitality known throughout European battle areas and home camps for its motto "Everybody Welcome—Everything Free"!
- 1920—Membership reaches a new high of 678,991!
- 1922—Provides fund for successful fight against Oregon School Law. Raises 1½ million for spiritual and recreational welfare of children of Rome. Membership now 782,400.
- 1924—Boy Guidance Course established at Notre Dame.
- 1925—Columbian Squires organized.
- 1926—One million dollars provided for persecuted Church in Mexico.
- 1938—Inaugurated famous Blood Donor Program.
- 1939—Knights of Columbus Huts with Canadian Army.
- 1948—Catholic Advertising Program makes its debut. Educational Trust Fund established.
- 1951—Vatican microfilm library at St. Louis University. Words "under God" added to Pledge of Allegiance.
- 1959—Knights' Tower and Carillon of bells built at the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, D. C.
- 1962—Membership reaches 1,143,809.
- 1965—Pro Deo and Pro Patria scholarships—Order assumes active role in Anti-pornography battle.
- 1966—Knights of Columbus become associated with John LaFarge Institute for promotion of ecumenical dialogue. Presentation of Transmitter to Radio Vatican.
- 1968—CARA—Pledged \$260,000 for apostolate to college students.





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BISHOP GUNN COUNCIL NO. 1583

(Formerly Gulfport Council No. 1583)

Gulfport

August 27, 1911

In writing our Council history it became apparent that it was quite a task to chronolog a period of 60 years from 1911 through 1971 and still retain the brevity of a few pages. Consequently the highlights were emphasized and rather than personalize this report, we felt it would be more fitting and proper to limit reference to those Brothers who were elected through the years to serve as Grand Knights.

Although some administrations were more eventful and perhaps more fruitful than others, it was the continued efforts of them all that made our Council what it is today.

Our Worthy Grand Knights and the years of their tenures are thus listed:

1. G. L. Grashoff	1911-1913
2. John F. Ryan	1913-1915
3. Peter T. Bugna	1915-1917
4. Joseph T. Trippe	1917-1919
5. Peter T. Bugna	1919-1920
6. John E. Gordon	1920-1921
7. J. A. Mauffray	1921-1922
8. Peter T. Bugna	1922-1923
9. John P. Nelson	1923-1924
10. John C. Wacker	1924-1925
11. O. J. Dedeaux	1925*
12. S. A. Cabibi	1926*
13. J. J. Ducote	1926-1927
14. John S. Cabibi	1927-1931
15. William P. Lavin	1931-1933
16. S. J. Savarese	1933-1935
17. John C. Wacker	1935-1936
18. S. J. Savarese	1936-1939
19. Bernard T. Hayden	1939-1941
20. Eugene Mangano, Sr.	1941-1943
21. L. A. Koenenn, Sr.	1943-1946
22. Lawrence Mensi	1946-1948
23. Willie J. Adam, Sr.	1948-1950
24. Paulino J. Carrubba	1950-1952
25. Dudley M. Eccles	1952-1953
26. A. U. Dubuisson	1953-1954
27. Guy S. Todaro	1954-1955
28. John E. Holley, Jr.	1955-1956

29. Lawrence Mensi	1956-1957
30. Harvey Pucheu	1957-1958
31. Louis LaRosa	1958-1959
32. Eulice J. Moran	1959-1960
33. Wilbur A. Sellier	1960-1961
34. F. J. Bartlett	1961-1962
35. Andy Papania	1962-1963
36. Richard Governor	1963-1965
37. Joseph R. Cain	1965-1967
38. Gilbert J. Puissegur	1967-1969
39. Mack Harper	1969-1970
40. Hayward J. Ladner	1970-1971

*Six months term of office.

In the early part of the 1920s the Council donated the main altar of St. John the Evangelist Church.

In November, 1928 the name of the Council was changed from the Gulfport Council No. 1583 to the Bishop Gunn Council No. 1583. Most Reverend John E. Gunn was Bishop of Natchez from 1911 to 1924.

Early in 1929 "The Cable" which had been originally a cooperative project of the Pere Le Duc Council No. 1522 and the Bishop Gunn Council was taken over by our Council. The late Rt. Rev. Msgr. H. A. Spengler became Editor-in-Chief. An attractive new format was used and it was published monthly with different colored covers. This was the forerunner of our present Council publication known as the "Knight Cable".

Early in World War II the Supreme Council sponsored a National U. S. Defense Bond Drive. The quota for our Council was \$6,000 and we exceeded our goal by almost eight fold. The total bought and sold by our members amounted to more than \$47,000.

During the period of the World War II conflict three of our Brothers made the supreme sacrifice of the defense of their country: Brother Marion J. Ferrell (November 24, 1943); Brother Warren J. Moran (June 6, 1944), and Brother John J. Schloegel (February 8, 1945). To them and





Fiftieth Anniversary Initiation Class Held at St. Thomas Gym on March 12, 1961. Bishop Gunn Council No. 1583.

other members of the Council who served our country so heroically we owe an everlasting debt of gratitude. Approximately 35% of our total membership were serving in the Armed Forces.

In July, 1948 one of the most important milestones in the history of the Council occurred. This was the purchase of a new home on 26th Avenue. Formerly, a private dwelling the Council Home was located near the business district and only one block from the Church. The purchase was made for a cash consideration of \$7,000 and it was renovated into a large spacious Council room, rest rooms, recreation room, kitchen, and serving area. The renovations represented an additional outlay of approximately \$6,000. The membership contributed approximately 1,500 man-hours of labor into this new home.

We believe one of the most important Catholic activities that the Council sponsored

occurred on December 10, 1950. This was a Holy Year Pilgrimage and it was under the leadership of our late beloved chaplain, Rev. George O'Malley, C. M. We started the pilgrimage at St. John the Evangelist Church in Gulfport; continued to St. James in Mississippi City; then to St. Paul's in Pass Christian, and finally back to St. Thomas in Long Beach where Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament was held. Special prayers were recited at each of the other stops. Approximately 200 persons joined in the motorcade and were afforded an opportunity to gain a Plenary Indulgence which was attached to making this Holy Year Pilgrimage.

Our present Boy Scout Troup No. 207 was organized about 1951 and has been active most of the past 20 years. However, the Council first entered the field of Scouting in the early 1930's when it sponsored Troup No. 204; early in World War II it sponsored Troup No. 199. According to the remarks and memory of some of the older members both of these troops were very





active in the community of scouting. It has had quite a few scouts to reach the rank of "Eagle", the highest rank in scouting and many have received the Catholic Scouting Award, "Ad Altare Dei". Some of our present members are former members of these troops as well as their sons.

About 1951 a program was started in the Council to enroll all our deceased members in the Graymoor Purgatorial Society. This practice is still being continued by the Council.

At the 52nd Annual State Convention held in Vicksburg in 1956 the Council gave a visual report at the convention instead of the customary narrative-type. A series of Kodachrome slides were made of all the activities during the year and shown in sequence according to the Six Point Program. It was repeated by request at the annual banquet.

In August, 1957 approximately 25 members were transferred to the newly formed Monsignor Leach Council No. 4472 in Pass Christian. The Council presented the newly formed group with a large scrapbook as a basis for them to begin the history of their Council.

In, January, 1960 the Council transferred approximately 52 members to the newly organized St. Vincent de Paul Council No. 4898 in Long Beach. Our Council donated an American flag and a Knights of Columbus banner to this new Council in appreciation for the work of these members of the Bishop Gunn Council No. 1583 who had joined the new Council.

About 1961 a resolution was passed on the Council floor which suggested that the Council say a special prayer at the close of each



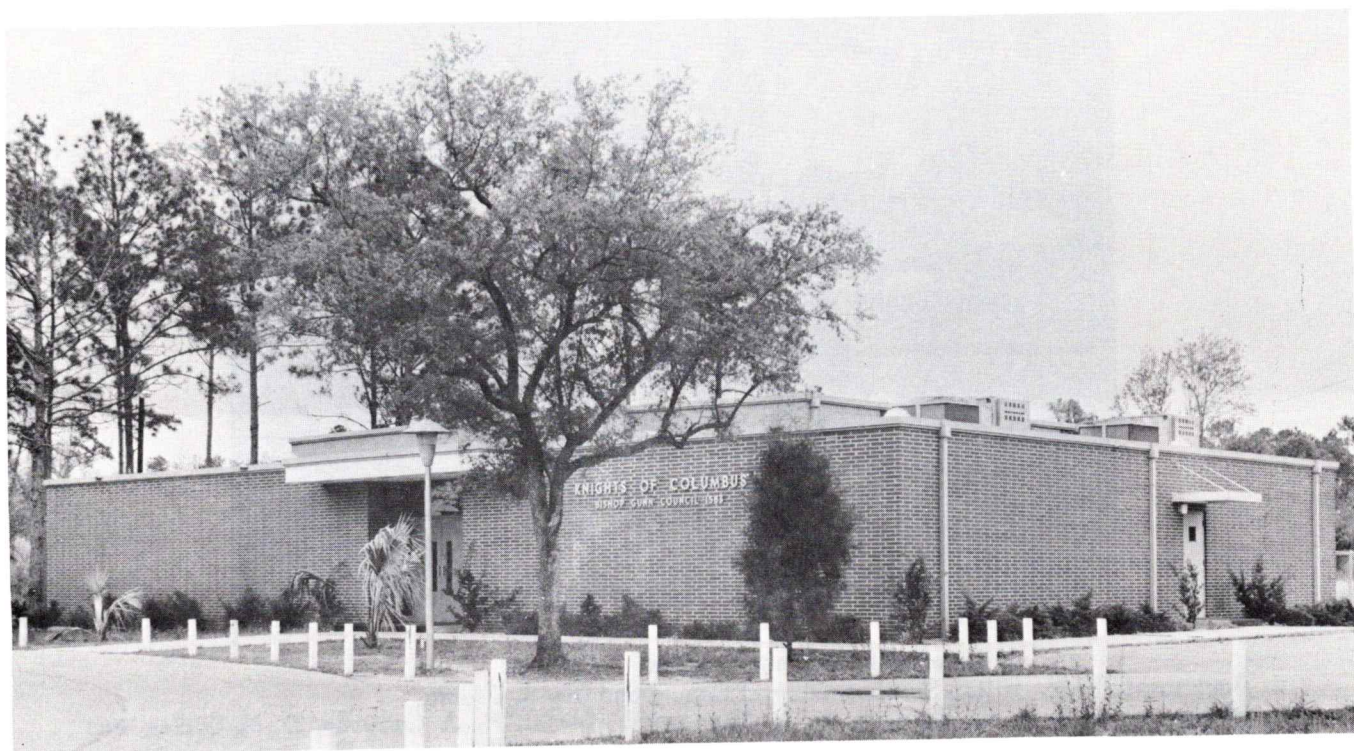
A Group of Past Grand Knights

Back row-L. to R. Hilton Seymour, District Deputy and Guy S. Todaro.
Middle row-L. to R. E. Mangano, L. A. Koenenn, L. Mensi, P..J. Carrubba, D. M. Eccles, and A. U. Dubuisson.
Seated-L. to R. R. L. Aubert, Sr., Joe Trippe, John S. Cabibi, S..J. Savarese, and B. Hayden.
Each of the Past Grand Knights was presented a Past Grand Knight Pin on this occasion.





"Ground Breaking" at the site of the New Home for Bishop Gunn Council No. 1583. April, 1968.



New Home of the Bishop Gunn Council No. 1583, Gulfport, Mississippi. Dedicated November 17, 1968.





meeting for President John F. Kennedy and other leaders of our nation so that their decisions would be made with the assistance of Divine Guidance. This resolution was later carried to the 57th Annual Convention of the State Council where it was also approved.

On Sunday, August 27, 1961 the Council observed its Golden Anniversary. A special celebration was held for the occasion and it was very fitting that a Golden Jubilee Brochure was written which presented the highlights of the previous 50 years.

In December, 1964 the Council purchased approximately 11 acres of land in the approximate geographic center of Gulfport. This was indeed a landmark in our history and it was with great expectations that we awaited the groundbreaking ceremony for our new home which took place in April 1968. The Council sold notes to its members to assist in financing the home in the amount of approximately \$30,000. The home is of brick and concrete block construction and it costs approximately \$86,000. It includes a lounge area, an office, a fully equipped kitchen and a meeting room of approximately 3600 square feet.

It was thus that the climax of our 57th year as a Council was the dedication and opening of our new home on November 17, 1968. We were honored to have Monsignor Michael Campbell, Pastor of St. John the Evangelist Church, give the opening prayer and State Deputy L. A. Koenenn as the principal speaker. Mayor R. B. Meadows of Gulfport and many other distinguished civic leaders were present.

In May, 1970 the Council hosted the 66th Annual State Convention. This was the sixth

time that the State Convention had been held in Gulfport. The other five years were 1913, 1927, 1937, 1951, and 1957.

At the 67th Annual State Convention held in Natchez the Council was awarded the Hilton Seymour Award for being the most active Council during 1970-1971. A total of twelve couples attended this convention which is quite a record when the convention was such a distance from Gulfport.

As we conclude this history of the Council we must not overlook the fact that we are very fortunate to have three Charter members, Brother S. J. Bertucci, Past Grand Knight Peter Bugna, and Past Grand Knight Joseph T. Trippe. It should be said that Brother Trippe attends meetings regularly and serves actively as our Treasurer.

Since the Council was first organized in 1911 we have had the following priests to serve as Chaplains: Rev. A. Kuhn, O. S. B., Rev. James Kiernan, Rt. Rev. Msgr. H. A. Spengler, Rev. Kevin Bambrick, Rev. Gregory Johnson, Rev. George O'Malley, C. M., Rev. John Rietti, Rev. Joseph Mercier, Rev. James Gilbert, Rev. George Broussard, Rt. Rev. Msgr. Thomas E. Williams, Rev. Eugene Clark and Rt. Rev. Msgr. Michael Campbell.

Along with the items that we have mentioned in particular the Council has through the years also participated in numerous other activities: Boy's State, Girl's State; Essay Contests; Visits to Veteran's Hospitals; March of Dimes Bingos, Parish Bazaars, Golf Tournaments for members, Athletic events for parochial school children, annual picnics, dances, bowling tournaments and other such programs.

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The question now arises as to how you are going to build or maintain this rating. The job will not be an easy one as you are now charged with the responsibility also of keeping up-to-date on all of your council's activities. The officers and other chairmen should be made aware of this fact and seek to inform you on all their activities.



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PASCAGOULA COUNCIL NO. 1605

Pascagoula

February 11, 1911

Pascagoula Council was instituted and a charter granted on February 11, 1912. This new council was made up of members from Pascagoula, belonging to Gulf Coast Council No. 1244, and Mobile Council #666.

First Grand Knight in 1912 was P. H. Rodrigue, and the first meeting was held on February 21.

Committees appointed to run the new council were the arrangement committee, hall committee, entertainment committee and refreshment committee.

Mr. Henry B. Moore (Deceased), was the first application accepted for membership in the new council.

Officers elected to run the new council were Reverend Bernard O'Reilly Chaplain; P. H. Rodrigue, Grand Knight; H. A. Walker, Deputy Grand Knight; V. P. DeJean, Chancellor; J. K. Johnson, Recorder; H. V. Canty, Financial-Secretary; F. H. Lewis, Treasurer; J. D. Gautier, Lecturer; C. F. Browne, Advocate; Charles E. Krebs, Warden; Lee Delmas, Inside Guard; J. S. Delmas Outside Guard; and W. M. Canty, V. P. DeJean and J. P. Delmas, Trustees.

During Brother Rodrigues' administration, debates on different subjects were very popular at their social meetings. The first meeting was held in the Elks Hall at a cost of \$5.00 per month, plus half the cost of the electric light bill. Brother Rodrigue was also the first District Deputy of Pascagoula Council, being appointed to this position in 1914 1915.

Brother V. P. DeJean was installed on November 14, 1912 as the second Grand Knight of Pascagoula Council by District Deputy, B. F. Mankey for the term 1912-1913.

He has the distinction of being the first member of this new council to become a Knight of Columbus. He was initiated into Mobile Council #666 on October 2, 1907, and was a paid up member until his death in August 1953. He was also a member of the 4th Degree for 40 years, joining Mobile Council in 1913.

During his term of office as Grand Knight, he appointed a Committee to secure a permanent meeting place. A resolution from the council was approved by Bishop Gunn to use the colored school building as the K. of C. hall, regardless of improvements made, and to make an annual donation to Bishop Gunn of \$36.00. The council purchased \$175.00 in light fixtures and new furniture was also purchased for the hall.

The council approved a motion that their chaplain, and all future priests of Pascagoula Council, would be exempt from payment of dues.

Communion blanks were instituted by council. A signed certificate had to be turned in by Trinity Sunday. A member who did not comply was dropped from the order.




A committee was appointed by G. K. DeJean to solicit funds for educating young men of Mississippi for the Priesthood.

Membership in 1913 was 53 members and the State Per Capita tax was 35¢ a member.

Brother C. F. Browne was installed by J. Mauffrey, District Deputy of Bay St. Louis as the third Grand Knight of Pascagoula Council for the term 1913 - 1914.

During his Administration, the





K. of C. members were extended an invitation by the Holy Name Society to receive Holy Communion on the Sunday before Christmas.

The council lost their first Charter member on January 22, 1914, with the death of Peter Blanchard.

Brother H. A. Walker was installed by P. H. Rodrigue, District Deputy, as the fourth Grand Knight of Pascagoula Council for the term of 1914-1915.

The first memorial mass for deceased members was held on Sunday, February 2, 1915.

The First State Convention of the Knights of Columbus held in Pascagoula was on Sunday, May 10, 1915. The convention business was taken up on Horn Island. The first exemplification by the new council was held on Sunday, June 13, 1915, with the following candidates taken into the order: A. K. Walker, R. E. Moody, William Buras, J. O. McCane, Monroe Krebs, Hermes Fred - eric, F. W. Grenling, Albert T. Sprat - ley, Rex A. Moore, Francis H. Delmas, Louis M. Blacksher, Matt Summendinger, and Forest J. Johnson.

In July, Brother R. E. Seay resigned as recorder with Brother Rex A. Moore being elected to fill the unexpired term.

Brother Frank H. Lewis was installed on Sunday, October 10, 1915, as the fifth Grand Knight of Pascagoula, for the term 1915-1916. During his term of office the council made a donation of \$7.50 to Sister Beatrice to help purchase a piano for her music class. Also, the council purchased a pool table for the recreation room of the council at a cost of \$33.00.

Brother W. W. Woodman was installed on October 15, 1916, and the sixth Grand Knight of Pascagoula Council for the term of 1916-1920. During his term of office a motion was approved and the first Boy Scout troop was sponsored by the Council.

Brother O. E. Rolls was installed by District Deputy Ernest Desporte of Biloxi Council on Sunday, October 18, 1920, as the tenth Grand Knight of Pascagoula Council for 1920-1921.

The K. of C. held their state convention in the K. of C. Hall in 1921.

The council planned a big celebration, honoring Father O'Reilly on his silver anniversary on July 17, 1921.

Brother Joe M. Ros held Grand Knight for three terms, from 1921-1924 being installed as the eleventh Grand Knight by District Deputy John Simpson on October 10, 1921.

A highlight during Brother Ros' term of office was the purchase of land now occupied by the Pascagoula Public Library at the front of Delmas Avenue.

Brother Ros also had the honor of being the first State Deputy from Pascagoula Council, being elected to serve in this office for the term of 1931 to 1932.

Brother Ray E. Ros was elected as Grand Knight of Council in 1924, but had to resign before taking over the office on account of leaving town.

Brother Alley M. Browne was elected as Grand Knight for two terms of office from 1924-1926. He was the 12th Grand Knight of Pascagoula Council, being installed on October 21, 1924.

During Brother Browne's administration, the Boy Scout troop was very active, and he also served for a number of years as Scoutmaster.

He also had the honor, before becoming Grand Knight of the Council, to serve as Recorder and Financial Secretary and was also instrumental in these two years to recall a large sum of notes that were being held by members, on the purchase of land bought a few years previously.



He was the first Grand Knight to establish a joint monthly communion, between the Knights of Columbus and Holy Name Society.

The State Convention was held in Gulfport on June 5-6, 1927. The Council had 51 members at the time. Brother J. M. Ros and R. E. Ros were delegates and Joe Ros was State Warden. The Council was prospering pretty well and was able to donate \$125.00 to Catholic Schools for improvement.

Brother Armond K. Walker was elected to serve as Grand Knight for 1927-1928. Brother Joe Ros was still State Warden and with A. K. Walker and Guy V. Ros they attended the State Convention in Natchez, Mississippi on May 13 and 14 of 1928. Brother Walker reported the Council doing very nicely and invited State to come to Pascagoula in 1929 for Convention. This was accepted by State Deputy Thomas A. McKenna.

The State Convention was held in Pascagoula Council on May 12 and 13 of 1929. R. H. Terreson and A.K.Walker were the delegates and performed most of the work to make a good State Convention. The Council had 54 members at this time. The Council renewed practice the Quarterly Communion.

Brother James Velcich was elected to the office of Grand Knight after service as Deputy Grand Knight. The Convention was held this year in Biloxi on May 25, 26 of 1930. The Council had an active year and had a large increase in our Communion Sunday.

After having served two terms as Warden, Brother Joe M. Ros was elected to State Deputy for the year 1931-1932. Brother J. H. Terreson elevated to Grand Knight after serving 4 terms as Treasurer. The Convention was held in Jackson and was May 3-4. A verbal report was given on Council activities for Pascagoula Council.

Brother Terreson was elected to serve as Grand Knight for another year; J. F. Velcich and J.H. Terreson



motored to Vicksburg for the Convention which was held on May 22-23.

We had no report at the Convention; but it was held at Bay St. Louis and attended by Brothers J. F. Velcich and J. H. Terreson May 28, 1934.

Brother Francis Murray was elected Grand Knight and duly installed. The Council is in good financial shape and membership holding good. The Convention was held in Gulfport; the delegates were R. H. Terreson and B. J. Larson, Jr. Our Council Home has just be repaired and painted.

Brother James Velcich re-elected Grand Knight for another three years, making a total of nine years as Grand Knight, which is quite a record.


Brother Velcich was Grand Knight and Brother R. J. Terreson and W. W. Spratley, Jr. were delegates to Natchez for the Convention. They assisted the parochial school in becoming accredited.

The Council was having a difficult time with their membership because of the war's starting and the young men joining for the year and a day. The help of Roy Woodham and John O. Brant, Jr., and others, saved the Council through their tireless efforts and promotional ability. The Council began to revive gradually. Brother Grant did a good job as Grand Knight and was elected State Secretary at Vicksburg on May 19, 1941.

Brother Francis Murray was installed as Grand Knight for the year 1943-1944. This was a slack year for the council due to the fact that 24 of our members were called to the armed forces and the council paid their dues.

Brother Vincent Ros was Grand Knight for the 1944-1945 term. During this term, Brother Ros and his officers increased the membership fifty percent. The council sponsored quarterly communion for the men in the





armed services, and assisted our priests in the building program for a new school.

Brother Fred O'Connor was installed as Grand Knight for the year 1945-1946. Our past Grand Knight Vincent Ros was called to the Armed Services this year. During Brother O'Connor's administration, the council purchased the home we are now occupying, and plans went into effect immediately to renovate the home to suit our purpose. Brother Alley Walker was appointed Chairman of the renovation committee, with all members participating jointly

In 1946, new officers were installed by District Deputy A. U. Dubuissou, with James Velcich as Grand Knight.

We sponsored our first Pecan Bowl game with Brother Vernon DeJean and Philip Scordino as co-chairmen.

During this year Father Curly received his notice to be transferred to Biloxi, to the regret of the council.

Brother Necaise organized the first K. of C. basketball team.

The Christmas Tree Party was a success with about 400 children in attendance.

The council sponsored the O.L.V. Football Banquet which was enjoyed by everyone.

Brother John O. Grant was installed in 1947 as Grand Knight. The council held an initiation on June 15 for the coast area. The council sponsored a Boy Scout Troop and once again sponsored a Football Banquet. We held our annual Christmas Tree Party, and distributed toys and food to 175 needy families.

The council received honor roll certificates from the Supreme Council for fulfilling our membership quota.

Brother Vernon P. DeJean and the other officers of the Pascagoula Coun-

cil No. 1605 were installed at the 1st regular meeting in July 1949 by District Deputy A. U. Dubuissou.

The Annual Mississippi State Council Convention was held this year in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, and Brother DeJean and John O. Grant, Jr., were delegates to this convention. Brother DeJean was appointed a member of the Mileage and Per Diem Committee, and, Brother Grant was appointed chairman of the Press & Telegram Committee. He was also appointed Second Alternate to the Supreme Convention.

The outstanding highlight of this year was this Council celebrating with other parish organization in honoring Monsignor Carey on the occasion of his elevation to Domestic Prelate. This Council raised six hundred dollars to present to Monsignor Carey to defray his expense for a trip to Ireland.

Donations made during the year included the Red Cross, Cancer Fund, March to School Drive, and Twenty five dollars was donated to a fund for an operation on a local "Blue Baby". Six hundred seventy two dollars was raised for the Mississippi State Chapel Fund.

Our Annual Christmas Party was held on the lawn of the Council Home for about 800 children, and Christmas Boxes were distributed to over 200 needy families in Jackson County.

The Council Home was painted by volunteers of our membership and the debt on the Home was reduced by \$2,000.

Thirty-one members and friends attended the coast-wide Founder's Day Banquet held at Gulfport March 29.

Brother DeJean was elected Grand Knight for the 1950-51 term. Under Brother DeJean's administration, the council sponsored its first base ball team, which proved to be a worthy council activity. In April 1950, the council sold the adjoining home for \$1200.



The council sponsored Boy Scout, Cub Scout, and Pee-Wee softball teams. There were five new members added this year. Donations for this year were as usual, generous.

Brother Vincent Ros was installed as Grand Knight and held office until January 22, 1951. At this time Brother Ros resigned his duties.

Brother Vernon DeJean was nominated and elected to fill the unexpired term of Brother Ros. The council paid off the O. L. V. Athletic Association debt this year, the amount of which exceeded \$800.00. The council also purchased dishes and kitchen equipment that exceeded \$1,500.00. At this time the St. Peter's Colored Parish had a fund raising drive to build a new school and the council donated \$1,000 to this worthy cause. There were 21 members added this year.

Lonnie J. Watts, Jr., was elected Grand Knight from 1952 to 1953. Under Brother Watts' administration, the council completely renovated and furnished the Ladies' Lounge, Buffet, and Card Room. The council donated \$1,000 to Msgr. Cary to help purchase one school bus. A television set was also purchased for the home.

A five-ton air conditioner was purchased and installed in the council chamber. This was a very active year with donations, as usual, up to par. In February of this year, our chaplain, Father Tormey, was notified of the death of his mother, who was in Ireland. This was a terrific blow to the whole council. Brother Watts called the trustees together for a meeting, and the council gave Father Tormey \$500.00 to help pay his expenses home.

Joe A. Stiglets was elected to serve the 1953-54 term as Grand Knight. Brother Stiglets and his officers were very active this year with numerous, varied activities. A kitchen was added to the home, and new kitchen equipment bought and installed. This was one of our biggest Christmas basket do-



nations, with the council delivering to the needy families 189 boxes of toys and fruit. Also, a new roof was put on the council home at a cost of \$3400.00.

Brother Mack H. Hudson served as the Grand Knight from July 1954 until June 1956. Under this administration the council assumed the responsibility of the upkeep of the graves of the deceased nuns and priests; new slabs were also placed on the graves.

This year was the year that our late State Deputy, Harvey Strayhan, inaugurated the Priest Education Fund with Pascagoula being one of the councils to donate its full share of \$600. the first year.

Our Christmas boxes went even higher this year, with the council giving 240 boxes of toys to the needy families. In the year 1954-55, there were 31 new members added to the council's roll.

On July 3rd, Brother Vernon P. DeJean was again installed as Grand Knight, and served two consecutive terms.

We held our annual banquet, and dance on May 18, and our guest speaker was Brother Hilton Seymour, District Deputy elect. We were also honored to have Brother A. U. Dubuisson, District Deputy, and Brother Fred Westbrook, Faithful Navigator of D'Iberville Assembly 4th Degree.

The first Blessing of the Fleet was held in Pascagoula sponsored by our Council and also the second during the reign of Brother DeJean. After the second, we held our first Fleet Dance, where a king and queen were selected to rule over this Ball and also the Shrimp Fleet Sunday afternoon. The affair was a huge success.

The Ladies Auxiliary was formed during this reign by our Council, and they have been very helpful to us in our civil projects, as well as all of our activities.





Father Corcoran was given \$100.00 to help defray his expenses to Ireland and \$150.00 was given to Msgr. Carey, who visited Ireland. The Council was very generous in all donations to civic and Parish Organizations.

We secured an additional property adjoining our present lots from the Community League for \$2500.

During this first year as Grand Knight, Brother DeJean was Chairman of the Credentials Committee, and he and Brother Hudson were members of the Mileage and Per Diem Committee. Brother W. J. Sheeler was one of the Financial Secretaries of the State who attended the Annual Convention in Gulf port.

At the Convention in Biloxi, Brother DeJean was appointed District Deputy as well as being on the Credentials Committee and a delegate to the convention. Brother Hudson was also a delegate and member of the Press and Telegraph Committee. Both were members of the Mileage and Per Diem Committee.

Brother B. R. Frederic was installed with the other officers for this year on July 1st by the District Deputy Vernon P. DeJean.

The Annual Picnic was held at Beach Park on July 4th, with proceeds going to our Priest Education Fund and help defray cost of our Christmas Program.

In August, the Annual Fleet Blessing was held and was a success, proceeds turned over to our Pastor Msgr. P. J. Carey to help in payment of another new bus. Total donations for the year amounted to over \$1600.

Our second Annual Carnival Ball was held January 31st, and we continued sponsorship of our civil projects.

At the State Convention in Natchez, Brother Vernon P. DeJean was elected

State Secretary. Delegates to this convention were C. R. Rouse and Mack H. Hudson. All three are members of the Mileage and Per Diem Committee. Brother W. J. Sheeler was an active Financial Secretary.

The officers of this year were installed at the first meeting in July by District Deputy Edward Murtaugh.

During this year, the Annual Fleet Blessing, 4th of July Picnic, Christmas Party, and Carnival Ball were held as usual, being very successful.

Donations were made in the amount of \$1530.18.

Improvements on the Council Home and equipment, the purchase of a typewriter, adding machine, and 75 chairs were made, and cost to the Council was \$3965.90 and was paid. Also, \$2,000 was added to the Building Fund.

13 new members were added, and 11 readmissions made to the Council during this year.

The annual convention was held in Jackson and at this convention Brother Vernon P. DeJean was elected State Deputy. Brother Mack Hudson was appointed to the Credentials Committee, and served with Brother W. R. McFaul as delegate to the convention.

The new officers of our Council were installed at our second regular meeting in July by our State Deputy, Vernon P. DeJean. Serving as Grand Knight was W. R. McFaul who served for the 1959-61 term.

Our Knights of Columbus Soft Ball Team has won five trophies and Babe Ruth Team won the city championship.

We installed a central air conditioning system in our Council Home and we are in process of building an outdoor barbecue pit.

Our usual donations and contributions were made and our Council has





augurated a quarterly Communion Sunday with breakfast served afterward in the Knights of Columbus home.

We presented \$1,000.00 to the Priest Education Fund at the annual convention, which was held in Clarksdale. At this convention, Brother W. R. McFaul was appointed to serve on the Credentials Committee and Brother Mack Hudson to the Mileage and PerDiem Committee. Both of these Brothers were delegates to the convention and Brother Hudson, being General Program Chairman made a report of the Six Point Program

Francis G. Larsen was installed as Grand Knight on July 11, 1961, by District Deputy A. U. Dubuisson and assisted by District Deputy A.C. Fayard. After the installation of officers, a buffet supper was served by Lecturer Donald Olsen. Visiting Brothers attending the ceremonies were Brother Fred Westbrook, Faithful Navigator of D'Iberville Assembly of the Fourth Degree and Brother Smith.

Instituted regular corporate Communion and the first was held in August 1961.

Purchased mimeograph machine to publish the monthly bulletin which was started in August 1961, and it was officially designated as "The Knight Time".

Brother Rouse was selected by Grand Knight Larson to formulate plan for new Council Home.

The Council was presented a plaque by Commander Watkins of the atomic-powered submarine, "Snook" for services rendered to the officers, the crew and their families during their stay in Pascagoula.

Father Donnelly from Xavier Hall was the guest speaker at the August, 1961 Corporate Communion.

The Council made arrangements for the adult scouts to use the Home for their meetings, and refreshments are served after each meeting.

The first family corporate communion was held in January 1962. A family social was scheduled for each month.

On February 6, 1962, the Council started the celebration of its Golden Anniversary with the members and catholic men of the parish attending Novena at Our Lady of Victories Church. A dance was held on Friday, February 9 and a barbecue was held at the Council Home on Saturday February 10. Then, on Sunday, the members received Holy Communion at the 8:00 AM Mass, followed by a breakfast at the Council Home. A banquet was held at Pascagoula Elementary School that evening.

Francis G. Larson was elected to Grand Knight for the 1962-1963 term.

The Council sponsored a team in the Babe Ruth Baseball League, and your Bowling Team participated in the state K. Of C. Bowling Tournament.

Brother Mack H. Hudson was elected State Secretary of the State Council.

In 1963, Arlis E. Gray was elected Grand Knight.

In August, Grand Knight, Arlis Gray appointed the Trustees to the building committee to investigate the possibility of enlarging the Council Home.

Ground breaking ceremonies for the new addition to the Council Home were held in April 1964.

Arlis E. Gray was elected Grand Knight for the 1964-65 term.

In August, the Grand Knight and several members attended the Supreme Convention which was held in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Brother V. L. Strahan has done an outstanding job with the monthly news letter, "Knight Time".

The new addition to the Council





Home was completed in September. This occasion was celebrated with an Open House followed by a dance on October 17, 1964.

Charter members of our Squire Circle were initiated on March 14, 1965.

The annual turkey dinner for the benefit of the priest education fund was held on April 11.

The Pascagoula Council was host for the State Convention. Grand Knight Gray was selected as Knight of the Year. Pascagoula also received the Hilton Seymour Award as best council in the State.

In June, the members voted to lease 34 acres of property on Dog River. The property has a block building, running water, electricity, and sanitary facilities. The property will be used as a picnic area for the members.

Brother E. J. Murray was elected Grand Knight for the 1965-66 term.

Our first picnic was held on September 5 at the camp grounds. About 200 people attended.

Honorary Life Membership was conferred upon Brother Charles J. Woodcock by Supreme Secretary Peter J. Sullivan.

The Knights of Columbus Bowling Team finished fourth in the city bowling tournament.

Pascagoula was well represented, as usual, at the State Convention held in Meridian. Six members, in addition to two delegates, attended.

Brother W. Cox was elected Grand Knight for the 1966-67 term.

On December 16, Brother Pat Murray was ordained into the priesthood.

The Council members are impressed with the outstanding job that our Squire Circle is doing.

In an effort to promote activity for youth in our area, Brother Phil Scordino is doing an outstanding job with the teenage dances.

Brother V. L. Strahan was elected Grand Knight for the 1967-68 term.

The Council sponsored the Pecan Bowl Classic with proceeds going to the Jackson County Association for Retarded Children.

The Knights of Columbus Carnival Ball is growing into one of the most impressive social occasions in this County.

Brother J. Duhe was elected to Grand Knight for the 1968-69 term.

The Council agreed to pay postage on gift packages sent to servicemen in Viet Nam by the Ladies Auxiliary.

The Council agreed to join other local organizations to help finance the purchase of American Flags for each classroom of the local schools.

The Council members celebrated the burning of the mortgage on our new addition.

Brother J. H. Martin was elected Grand Knight for the 1969-70 term.

The Council voted to help sponsor the printing of the Star Spangled Banner in football programs for the local high schools.

The Council was very fortunate, in that the only damage done by Hurricane Camille was a few trees blown down at the camp site. The Council donated \$275 to the Knights of Columbus' Hurricane Fund.

Brother Charles Coakley was elected Grand Knight for the 1970-1971 term.





This administration had undertaken to improve the council facilities by painting the council home and bricking the front and north sides of the building.

The council voted to donate to the drug abuse program sponsored by the Pas-Point Chamber of Commerce.

The history of the Pascagoula Council could not be complete without a few words of praise for our financial secretary, Brother W. J. Scheel-

er, Sr. Willie as he is known to his friends, has devoted much of his life to the Knights of Columbus. He is a man who will always see that his opinions are known. While all members do not always agree with Willie's opinion, you can be assured that he has the betterment of the Knights of Columbus foremost in his heart.

It should also be noted that we still have one of our charter members Brother S. H. Frederic, who has served our Council as Financial Secretary and Grand Knight.

EDUCATIONAL

Following the close of World War I, the Order expended more than \$8,000,000 for the support of schools for ex-servicemen.

More than 300,000 veterans received free training in academic, commercial, trade and technical fields.

The scholarships provided by the Knights to ex-servicemen were the first of this nature. Later government educational assistance in World War II and the Korean War were patterned after this plan.

State and local Councils also provide scholarship assistance at the Catholic high school and college level.

In 1944, we established a \$1,000,000 trust fund to provide higher education for the sons and daughters of Knights killed or totally disabled in the Second World War. This was extended in 1956 to our members taking part in the Korean War.

This has also been extended to members serving in Viet Nam.

In 1970 and 1971 resolutions were passed at the Supreme Conventions whereby children of policemen and firemen who are members of the Order and who are killed in the line of duty as a result of criminal violence will be guaranteed a college education.





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BISHOP FAHEY COUNCIL NO. 1908

(Formerly Hattiesburg Council No. 1908)

Hattiesburg

June 9, 1918

Hattiesburg Council No. 1908 was organized June 9, 1918, in the city of Hattiesburg, Mississippi. The organization was chartered with the newly elected Grand Knight Brother E. A. Kernaghan leading a group of 78 charter members. The charter members are as follows:

F. J. Ames, W. S. Ames, C. A. Coughlin, T.A. Cantwell, H. G. Cuevas, C. C. Davenport, J. A. Donohoe, E. E. Forsmark, D. C. Keller, Jr., J. L. Kerley, J. P. W. Pagorzelski, W. P. Redmond, J. B. Semmers, W. D. Semmers, A. R. Robinson, V. Bivona, J. P. Harrington, V. Martello, J. Bivona, B. Doherty, M. Harrington, H. J. Ward, J. E. Coughlin, S. Cicero, J.E. Daley, J. J. Daley, P. Forte, T. L. Harrington, R. L. McGregor, J. G. O'Connell, A. C. Mercier, M. W. Doherty, L. J. Cavanaugh, W. R. Clark, C. B. Fagan, J. M. Faler, E. M. Kirby, A. L. Stamtant, E. A. Kernaghan, F. I. Heidelberg, F. E. Herrington, L. J. Brennan, F. L. Barnett, P. Doherty, P. Donaghue, J. M. Doyle, Lt. E. Dundon, V.J. Downey, L. J. Didier, F. A. Derrico, F. D. Farrell, C. N. Fagan, P. F. Gocke, J. B. Gowen, T. J. Gannon, S.A. Janowski, A. Marasco, J. O. Brien, D. O. Brien, B. O. Doherty, E. Powers, R. J. Purcell, S. Russell, E. W. Rentz, E.F. Sullivan, J. H. Schmitt, W. Sheehan, C. R. Speis, F. G. Sangasson, W. C. Savage, S.S. Thomas, Cor. A. Torie, T. H. Neville, J. A. Fohey, F. J. Dalton, and Rev. J. Ennis.

Brother Kernaghan served in the capacity of Grand Knight for over nine years alternately during the first twenty years, and gave unselfishly of his personal time. The original Council Exemplifications were held in the old Sacred Heart School, a wood frame

structure across from the Sacred Heart Church, where today the Father Martin Gym is located.

Hattiesburg Council No. 1908 played a very important part in the growth of the parish, school, and church in the city. They held many fund-raising affairs, and assisted in erecting the modern brick Parish plant that is now in Hattiesburg. The meetings were held in the old school, and later in the basement of the new school which opened in 1951. In July of 1950, the Hattiesburg Council was given permission by the Supreme Council to change its name from "Hattiesburg" Council to "Bishop Fahey Council No. 1908". The Council continued to grow; and on April 22, 1951, we purchased our first Knights of Columbus home on the corner of Bay Street and Southern Avenue. The home was adjacent to the Sacred Heart School property. There was an agreement with the parish that we would donate the property to the Sacred Heart Parish for future enlargement and a Sister's Home at some future date. The Council was able to function better, as everyone cooperated in assisting to renovate the new home for meetings and other affairs. The Council was growing then, and this new property was needed as we numbered around 150 members.

In 1936 George Haunstein started a Scout Troop in the old church that stood on the present site of Father Martin Gym. The Knights of Columbus sponsored the new troop under Brother C. G. Brenke, and had the entire troop of 32 registered and operating in 1938 as Troop No. 17 of the Pine Burr Area Council. This troop has operated to this day without losing their charter. Grand Knight John C. Zambreno headed





Troop 17 for 11 years from 1953 until 1964. We have continued to sponsor the troop to this date.

Under youth activities, we have sponsored a boy to Boys State each year since its inception. We have also given trophies to boys and girls who have played sports for Sacred Heart when it was a High School, thus encouraging good sportsmanship.

There were two conventions for the State of Mississippi held in Hattiesburg. The 45th Annual Convention under the able direction of Brother Joseph Schwierjohn was held in May of 1949. The 58th Annual Convention under the able leadership of Brother Frank G. Adamo was held in 1962. Both were very successful and brought many praises from the local businessmen.

A Squires Circle for boys was sponsored by Bishop Fahey Council. It was known as the Dominic Savio Circle No. 1485, and was initiated by a team from a Gretna, Louisiana, Circle on March 4, 1962. The circle was under the direction of Chief Counselor Charles F. Abadie, Jr., and Assistant Counselor R. A. Delmas, Jr.

The Council reached its greatest heights when they purchased four acres of land, constructed, and moved into the new home on Lincoln Road on December 14, 1963. The mortgage was large, and we worked under considerable pressure in order to meet the payments. The old home was turned over to the parish for the new Sister's Home.

After five years of hard work, by mutual agreement the council decided to sell the home and all the surrounding property to the City of Hattiesburg for the use of their Fire Department.

The Council is presently organizing and compiling the new changes of the order, and making every effort to place itself on the top of the order as it was many times before.

The following is a list of the Grand Knights and the years in which they served:

E. A. Kernaghan	1918-1921
	1922-1926
	1932-1934
J. A. Redmond, Sr.	1921-1922
E. E. Forsmark	1926-1927
Archibald M. Smith	1927-1929
	1939-1940
J. E. Burns	1929-1932
E. G. Brenke	1934-1935
F. I. Ames	1934-1937
C. E. Hegwood	1937-1938
J. L. McGregor	1938-1939
	1942-1944
G. J. Haunstein	1940-1941
B. E. Shea	1941-1942
R. J. DeNicola	1944-1946
W. H. Harrington, Sr.	1946-1948
J. E. Schwierjohn	1948-1949
	1964-1965
M. A. Hosemann	1949-1950
J. B. Ryan	1950-1951
T. M. Harvey, Sr.	1951-1953
	1960-1961
V. B. Bevon	1953-1954
R. A. Delmas	1954-1956
J. A. Tullos	1956-1958
W. L. O'Rourke	1958-1959
F. G. Adamo	1959-1960
	1961-1964
Willard Daley	1965-1967
Charlie Abadie	1967-1969
John C. Zambreno	1969-1970





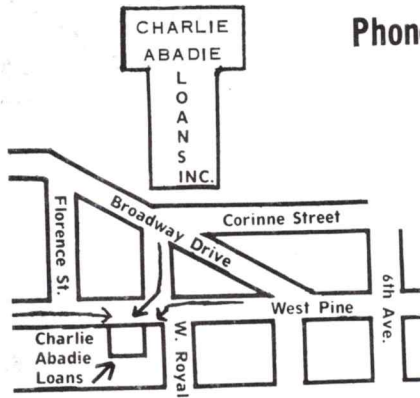
Grand Knight Frank Adamo, Jr., presenting a plaque to Brother C. F. Brenke in recognition of 25 years of service to his Council as Financial Secretary.





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FATHER KORSTENBROEK COUNCIL NO. 2134

Greenville

May 18, 1920

As early as 1916 and 1917, a small group of Catholic men occasionally and informally discussed the possibility of organizing a Council of Knights of Columbus for Greenville. Father P. J. Korstenbroek, our pastor, was highly pleased and ardently encouraged the group to proceed with the undertaking. But preliminary work was suddenly halted at the outbreak of the First World War when so many of our young men were taken to serve in the military forces. After the war ended, the returning soldiers and sailors spoke in such high and glowing terms about the value and convenience to them of the Knights of Columbus Huts, and the graciousness of the attendants in helping all soldiers and sailors that our group decided this was the opportune time to continue our first efforts made in 1917. A precouncil was formed with W. L. Evans as president, J. J. Rigney as membership chairman, and Father Kenny as Chaplain.

It was only a short time when something like the following were adopted as basic items for members to have in mind when approaching possible candidates. 1. The record of the Knights of Columbus in its effective defense of the Faith; 2. The efforts of the Order was making to extend the faith by making it better known to everyone; 3. The Order's vast charities, and its great efforts in fostering spiritual and mental growth; 4. The possibility of leadership to be attained through charity, unity, and fraternity by organized Catholic manhood in meeting their responsibilities to their church, to their civic obligations, and in the social contacts with their fellowmen; 5. The need and duty to give good example, to give one's self without stint to others in need, and to give counsel and guidance to our boys and girls; 6. There was no society of Catholic men in Greenville.

May 18, 1920, was the day set for the initiation ceremonies and for the institution of Father Korstenbroek, Council Knights of Columbus No. 2134. Present were Bishop Gunn, probably two hundred or more knights from the ever helpful and accomodating Vicksburg Council along with their degree team and a few from other councils in the State. All arrived aboard a special train from Vicksburg. The Vicksburg team immediately took charge and carried on the work of the day. A half-mile parade followed Mass at 10:00AM. Then the candidates were fed and initiated. There were about 107 of them. It was a great day for St. Joseph's Parish and for Greenville. Following are the names of the charter members:

A. A. Antoon	J. L. Gorman
J. G. Anderson	J. C. Garst
E. A. Anderson	J. M. Grasty
J. B. Armstrong	C. J. Guzzo
F. A. Bigleben	E. Hart
M. L. Busam	R. J. Henry
H. J. Bergman	L. E. Harty
R. E. Cannon	J. C. Hanway
Rev. J. H. Clerico	A. A. Hummell
Rev. P. M. Christman	Iaconopella
J. A. Cannon	J. J. Jordan
T. S. Cannon	J. R. Johnson
W. J. Condon	Rev. Joseph Kenny
A. D. Condon	L. King
V. L. Craft	C. J. Kinsella
R. Ciolini	P. H. Kinsella
J. L. Cassidy	M. J. Keady
J. H. Dannon	I. J. Loyacono
E. V. Donovan	Ignace Loyacono
W. L. Evans	J. Loyacono
W. F. Fordham	S. Loyacono
Tom Friel	E. J. Lueckenbach
G. E. Farris	Joe Maggio
Charles Farris	F. Maucelli
Henry Frohm	J. Maucelli
V. Giglio	S. J. Maucelli
P. A. Grego	F. Mascagni
T. W. Gorman	C. Mascagni
	D. E. Moran





E. N. May
H. W. Myer
P. Muffuletto
C. R. Muffuletto
Sam Muffuletto
L. X. Murphy
J. A. Murphy
W. D. McKendrick
C. A. McPheters
J. W. Massey
P. J. McHeone
H. B. McCormick
E. L. Nick
G. W. Norman
O. M. Norton
J. D. Culetta
J. R. O'Bryan
M. E. Patrick
J. N. Ring

J. D. Ring
J. J. Ryan
T. J. Ryan
G. E. Rigney
J. J. Rigney
G. D. Rogers
F. N. Robertshaw
W. D. Robertshaw
J. D. Rosella
F. N. Rosella
B. D. Roper
S. T. Ronan
Joe Reilly
D. T. Shanahan
D. P. Shanahan
P. Shanahan
M. Showah
T. Saia
A. J. Saia

S. A. Saia
W. Saia
W. P. Stubblefield
J. W. Sprott
C. G. Shapley
E. G. Steger
C. Signa
J. J. Ranous
W. J. Thamann
M. Tonos
D. M. Tamburo
R. F. Wall
L. A. Wall
W. F. Wall
J. Wall
R. T. Wall
E. F. Wineman
J. W. Welsh

Inspecting this list, one will notice there is represented practically every profession and business in the City. We find merchants and farmers, clerics and laborers, cotton handlers, and druggists, hotel keepers and restaurateurs, rail and mill workers, pilots and shoe makers, salesmen and firemen dairymen and doctors, tailors and barbers, policemen and bankers, lawyers and insurance men, and many others representing nearly every activity in the Greenville area. A viable and a solid council was assured. More will be said in subsequent paragraphs.

Such a large group of men could not hold their meetings in the pastor's home where our precouncil had been meeting. The Council had no home of its own. A search for quarters ended with the renting of the second and third floors of the old Grand Theater building. There we had a large meeting hall, library reading and game rooms all empty of furniture and equipment. Our biggest job for the next two years was to equip the rooms, and to get used to ourselves in operating a council.

By 1930 these quarters became untenable. They had suffered hard usage during the ten years since 1920, and the owners were reluctant to make repairs or improvements. So we began looking for a new place. We finally came to an agree-

ment with Father Igeo, and pastor and chaplain, by which we were allowed to use a cottage on church property. After removing some partitions and doing some decorating, we again had a medium-sized place to meet, but it was not quite comfortable. We had disposed of most of our furniture previously, except for a few chairs. We then built a set of council furniture of steel and plush, beautiful and functional, which is still in use today.

The disastrous flood of 1927 which was followed so closely by the nation's greatest depression brought on hard times. Memberhips dropped severely. Things became disorganized and finally, nonfunctioning. It was a dismal situation. New life was brought into the council when former grand knight, D. L. Nick, on his own initiative, securing a coordinator from the supreme council, gathered all the loose ends and brought the council into working condition again.

In 1949, the parish had need of the cottage, so our next move was to the Italian Club in south Greenville, where we stayed until it was evident proper progress could not be made because our privileges in the use of the club were limited. Sharing the club was not always convenient. It was during our stay there, and under the leadership of the then grand knight Raymond Kimble that in





1953 a two-acre plot was purchased on East Reed Road as a site for a future club house. In 1961, plans for a new club of brick and concrete block were worked out, contract let to Greenville Lumber Co., during the administration of C. A. Duprel. The building was completed the same year. Installed in the building since completion were sixteen knockdown banquet tables, one hundred fifty steel chairs, color TV, piano automatic record player, pocket billiards, snack bar, permanent wall directory, heating and air conditioning, kitchen equipment, several games, and a sixty foot flag pole in front. This is the home we have in 1971.

No history would be complete without an account of council activities, and accomplishments. Of these something should be said to show that the council justified its existence in quite a noteworthy fashion. The first Nativity Scene ever owned by St. Josephs was a gift of the council in the early twenties. More than half our members presented themselves at a banquet in the old Muffuletto Hotel honoring Bishop Gerow when he made his first visit to Greenville shortly after his appointment in the Natchez see in 1925. There is always a fine representative of members at the rosary for a deceased member or a member's relative. Masses are arranged for the repose of the soul of a deceased member, and so far as this writer can recall, no year has ever passed without a requisition for a mass for Father Korstenbroek, our council patron. Our membership has furnished a large percentage of the personnel for the operation of the many church fairs. They have also served well in organizing and attending retreats for men. Barbecue dinners have helped the council make handsome contributions for many years to the fund for the education of priests.

Activities concerning the youth movement found the council sponsoring a boy scout troop for many years. One year, a boy's baseball team was given support financially. The girl scout

troop was given the use of the hall one day each week. The St. Joseph's Athletic Association was given the use of the hall for their meetings, also. On a number of occasions, the council helped to defray the expenses of sending boys to Boys State and girls to Girls State. Members not only attend football and basketball games at St. Joseph's, but have always been conspicuous in the ones conducting the business operations on the field and court.

Social affairs of the council were rare for many years, because accommodations were not adequate. The first effort was made in 1925 when a Halloween party was prepared for members and the families. This party was held on the third floor of our first home, and dancing to radio music was advertised as an innovation. Everything went well except there was no dance; the radio refused to produce the expected music. At other times, dances were held at the Italian Club when arrangements could be made. Social affairs became much more numerous after we moved into our new home in 1962. A ladies auxiliary was formed, and subsequently social activities flourished, with the men handling the kitchen and the music. There were banquets and dances and fifth Wednesday night parties, along with several Mardi Gras mask balls. In between, there have been numerous Easter egg hunts, and Christmas parties for pre-school children. To encourage attendance, steak dinners offered at a price on the meeting nights. Besides this, we have held a number of communion breakfasts continued the six point program with very reasonable success, established the Knight Letter, our publication.

The State Convention has been entertained three times. On invitations from Shelby, Shaw, and Cleveland some of our meetings were transferred to those cities where no council was located, and where many of our members lived. For many years, our council held formal memorial services for our





deceased knights. Again, on invitation we held a formal memorial service for the Lake Village Council in Lake Village, Ark.

The council as a council and members as members, being aware of an opportunity, very frequently have responded to calls for civic service. There was the great campaign against the Ku Klux Klan in the early twenties in which many of our members took a very active part in cooperation with many Protestants to win a very decisive election to keep the county government in safe hands. During the period of the great flood of 1927, our entire quarters was given over for use by the National Red Cross for most of that year. Carnivals, a Wild West Show, and a single appearance of Clyde Beatty Circus were sponsored by the club. Most members pitched in in collecting and sending relief of various kinds to storm disaster victims in Texas and the Gulf Coast. A knights' blood donor club made many donations of blood to the local hospital. Bowling teams competed in city leagues. Radiothons were frequently manned by our members, and a large float was entered in a Christmas parade. It seems that one name, that of Judge Emmet Harty, should be mentioned in this account. It was he who organized much Catholic Action in the operations against the Ku Klux Klan in 1922-23. During this same period, it was he who made it possible for one hundred or more of our members and friends to obtain citizenship papers without any expense and without the necessity of making a trip to Vicksburg to obtain them. His work as advisor to the Red Cross during the days of the flood was sought and respected. His interest in the welfare of the poor, and the fact

that he organized a small foundation to pay for medicines for the poor is happy proof that he was a valued knight and citizen.

Of our members who served the City, or are now serving as elective officers we must mention J. A. Cannon, former mayor, Dr. O. M. Norton, W. F. Fordham, Rufus Mock, Councilmen, J. N. Ring, John Hanway, Tax Assessors Emmet Harty, Municipal Judge, and E.V. Donovan, Chief of Fire Department.

It should also be noted that the council was the recipient of a variety of honors, most of which were received during the past few years. Ely Shaply was once our State Deputy, Charles Sherman held the same office. Many of the minor state officers were selected from our ranks. The Hilton Seymour Award was ours in 1967 for outstanding activities; star council award twice and six certificates of honor came from National Headquarters.

So thus stands Father Krstenbroek Council No. 2134 on its golden anniversary. Bishops J. Gunn, Richard Gerow, and Joseph Brunini served as State Chaplains. Seven chaplains served our council:

Father Joseph Kenny
Father Louis Voyer
Father Thomas Bowe
Msgr. J. J. Igoe
Msgr. Martin Maloney
Msgr. Eamon Mullen
Msgr. Thomas Fox
Msgr. Thad Harkins

The Council appreciates the efforts put forth by Brother E. J. Lueckenbach in compiling this history.

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On June 30, 1966, two new 100 kilowatt short wave transmitters donated respectively by the late Francis Cardinal Spellman and by the Knights of Columbus were dedicated at Vatican City and accepted personally by His Holiness Pope Paul VI. Supreme Knight John W. McDevitt made the presentation on behalf of our Order.





LAUREL COUNCIL NO. 2180

Laurel

June 30, 1920

Laurel Council No. 2180 was chartered June 30, 1920. The charter members were:

George Asmar
John P. Bergin
M. J. Bergin
Edward Bienvenu
W. M. Brayback
R. P. Campbell
William L. Carr, Sr.
Edward S. Carr
Foster C. Carr
Henry J. Church
A. F. Church
John Coco
Dr. Allan Collette
William B. Daly
Henry M. Daly
M. W. Doherty
W. D. Davidson

Andrew Flanagan
D. N. Finnegan
Tony Garbo
William Golding
T. H. Harrington
M. A. Harrington
W. L. Harrington
Thomas B. Howard
F. A. Joffrion, Sr.
P. J. Kettrick
T. E. Lawless
C. C. Lawless
R. C. Lawless
Thomas W. Liberto
Leo A. McDevitt
W. W. Mitternacht
Rev. C. C. Mulvihill

J. P. O'Flynn
A. J. Porteous
N. B. Pinschenat
Abrose Powers
E. D. Rahaim
F. D. Rahaim
Charles R. Shannon
W. T. Shearman
A. J. Shearman
Dan M. Skehan
C. S. Street
John S. Street
F. W. Sullivan
J. H. Sullivan
F. J. Sullivan
C. F. Tarbutton

Two of these fifty charter members are still very active in all the activities of Council No. 2180. Brother William L. Carr, Sr. is seventy-eight years of age, served as Grand Knight for several terms and held other offices in the Council. Brother Thomas W. Liberto is seventy-five years of age, and is a Past Grand Knight who also has held many other offices in the Council.

Two other Charter members, T. E. Lawless and Dan M. Skehan, are also still living in the Laurel area, although are no longer members of the Knights of Columbus.

Council No. 2180 has three Life Members in Brothers Carr and Liberto, and Brother Michael B. Brogan.

Laurel Council was very active from the date of the charter until November, 1929. During the depression

years, it became inactive; but the Charter was held by a small group of devoted members. It then became active again in June, 1939.

Many members of the Council have served in various capacities on the Mississippi State Council. Among them are Brother John P. Myers as State Deputy. Brother Charles R. Shannon also served as State Deputy; Brothers G. J. Maily, State Warden; C. S. Street, State Advocate; Thomas W. Liberto, State Warden; Currie Garner, State Advocate; Charles Madere, State Advocate; and James L. Bolander, State Advocate.

Shortly after the Charter was issued to Laurel Council, the members erected a Council Home on Church property; and the Council's activities are still held in this building. It is also used by the Boy Scouts of America Troop No. 36, which is sponsored by





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Council 2180. Other Church Societies also use the hall for meetings and gatherings.

Among the many activities undertaken for years is Corporate Holy Communion, erection of the Nativity scene at Christmas time in front of the Church, annual Altar Boys' picnic, distribution of Christmas boxes to the needy, and sponsorship of the Cub Scouts, along with the Boy Scouts.

Many Council members have served as District Deputy, some of the more recent being C. Nolan Bush, Gustave J. Maily, and John P. Myers.

Many of our members are Lay Min-

isters in the new Church Liturgy, and many are also very active in other Parish activities.

The present officers are: Grand Knight, James L. Bolander; Deputy Grand Knight, Michael A. Carr; Chancellor, A. M. Thompson; Recorder, Carl C. Carlos; Financial Secretary, James F. Hunter; Treasurer; John P. Myers; Advocate, Carol A. Rabin; Warden, Darryl Ainsworth; Inner Guard, Bernie Maslanka; Outer Guard, John Ainsworth; Trustees, T. W. Liberto, Walter Shirley, Milton C. Saucier; Chaplain, Rev. John P. Robinson.

The Council now has 41 members, 11 Insurance, and 30 Associate.

CANTON COUNCIL NO. 2416

Canton

1922 - 1923

Records are very inadequate on Canton Council No. 2416. It was reported organized at the 19th State Convention in Natchez and it was the scene of the 20th Convention in 1924. It was only active for a very short time and soon passed into history.

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C. G. SHAPLEY COUNCIL NO. 2945

(Formerly Leland Council No. 2945)

Leland

September 30, 1945

On September 2, 1945, a group of Catholic men, that belonged to the Greenville Council, had a meeting for the purpose of forming a new council. Alphonse Carollo served as chairman and they voted to start a council in Leland. An election was held and John Kain was elected the first Grand Knight. There were fifty men who either joined or transferred to the Leland Council and received their charter on the 30th of September the year 1945, becoming the Leland Council No. 2945. Meetings were held every Wednesday at 8:00 p. m. at the old Funeral Home at 403 North Broad Street until 1949. After the St. James Catholic Youth Center was built, they held their meetings in one of the classrooms. On January 11, 1958, a new Council home was completed at 708 East Seventh Street, where we are currently holding all of our functions. In July 1958 the Council Home was dedicated in honor of C. G. Shapley, a deceased brother who had put a great amount of time and work into our order. The Council's name was so changed to honor his memory. Our council home and two lots were paid for in 1967, so we are debt free in this matter. Our membership now totals 51, including nineteen insurance, twenty-five associate, and seven inactive insurance members.

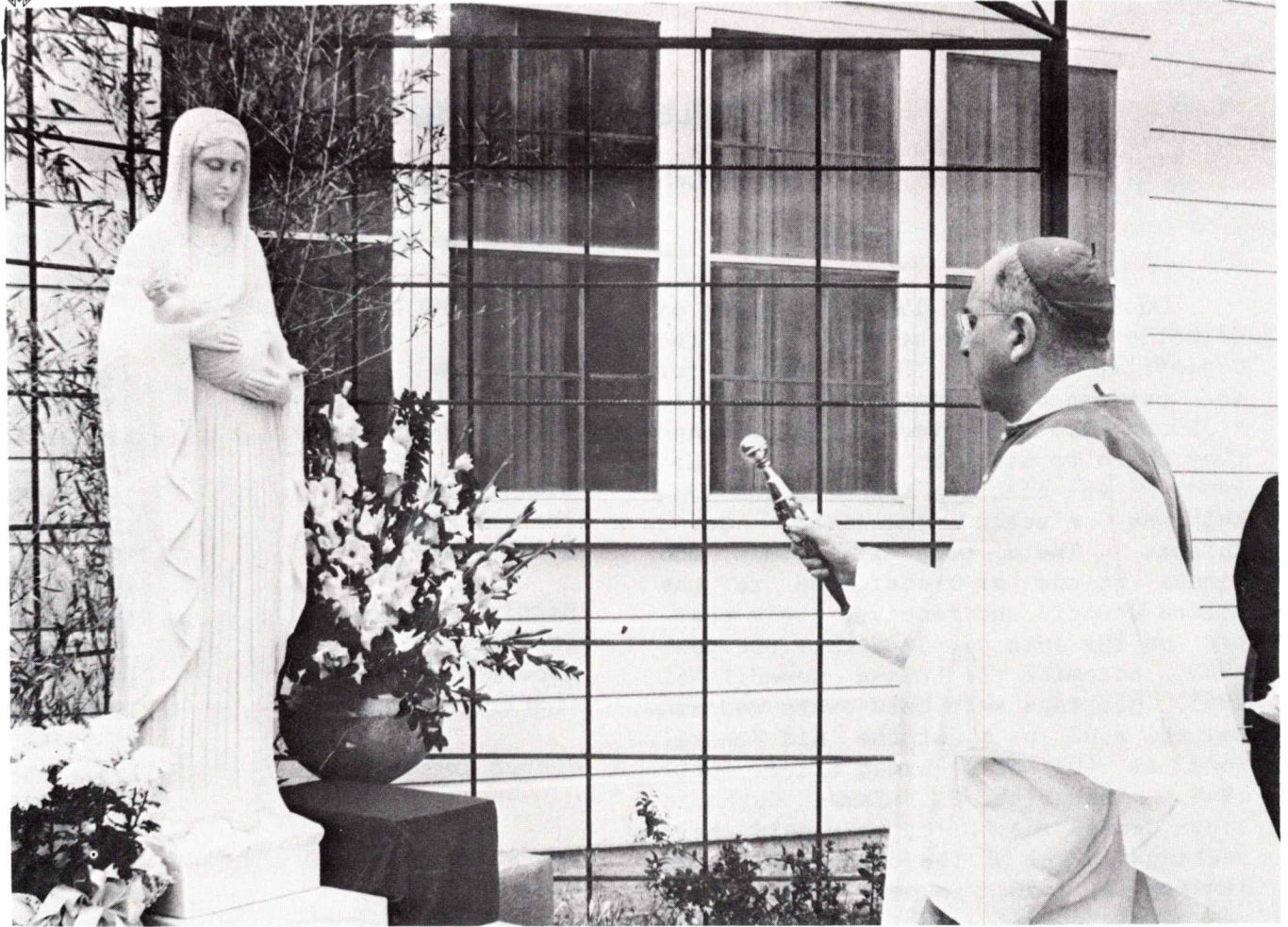
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Edward Petro, Sr.	1946-1947
Victor Stedronsky	1947-1948
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William Nored	1949-1950
Anthony Shapley	1950-1951
Eli Shapley	1951-1952
	1952-1953
Martin Letchworth	1953-1954
Fred Abide	1954-1955
Robert Czerwinski	1955-1956
Charlie Morlino	1956-1957
	1959-1960
Joseph Tonos	1957-1958
	1961-1962
	1966-1967
Sam Sabbatini	1958-1959
Leon J. Shapley	1960-1961
	1968-1969
Philip Greco	1962-1963
Mike P. Columbus	1963-1964
	1964-1965
	1969-1970
John Pieralisi	1965-1966
Charles J. Carollo	1967-1968

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Financial Secretary-Eugene Columbus
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Lecturer-John O. Carollo
Inner Guard-Louis Santucci
Outer Guard-Tony Zepponi
Trustee-Martin Letchworth
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Trustee-Charles J. Carollo
Chaplain-Rev. Sylvester Hynes





Blessing of the Shrine of the Blessed Mother and the Infant Christ by Auxiliary Bishop Joseph B. Brunini. Shrine was donated to St. James Catholic Church by the C. G. Shapley Council No. 2945 -- 1964.





Home of C. G. Shapley Council No. 2945, Leland, Mississippi.



Officers of the C. G. Shapley Council No. 2945 -- 1970-71. Seated left to right: Charles J. Carollo, Trustee; Father Sylvester Hynes, Chaplin; Mike P. Columbus, Grand Knight; Jerry Santucci, Deputy Grand Knight; Louis Santucci, Inner Guard; Standing left to right: Leon J. Shapley, Trustee; Tony Zepponi, Outer Guard; Martin P. Letchworth, Trustee; Victor J. Cefalu, Warden; Charles J. Morlino, Treasurer; John Pieralisi, Chancellor; Albert Bassi, Recorder; not pictured are Eugene P. Columbus, Financial Secretary; Pete Menotti, Advocate; John O. Carollo, Lecturer.





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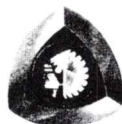
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CLARKSDALE COUNCIL NO. 2969

Clarksdale

May 8, 1946

This Council is in the northern most part of the State located approximately 70 miles south of the Mississippi-Tennessee line and in the rich Delta Farmland. It has steadily shown an increase in membership since its organization and the last report it had a membership of over 150 members.

During the summer of 1952 they occupied a new home which was kept until 1966 when they constructed another home. During the summer of 1966 they opened a large swimming pool.

A hasty glance at the State Annual Reports for the past 20 years indicates that Clarksdale has been an active Council. It has been honored by two of its members elected to the office of State Deputy. It has been a generous contributor to the Priest Education Fund.

JAMES A. MOSES COUNCIL NO. 3328

(Formerly J. Fulgham Henry Council No. 3328)

Yazoo City

July 31, 1951

This is one of the smaller Councils in the State and it has averaged a membership of approximately 50-60 members since 1951. On May 12, 1957 the Council passed a resolution changing their name from "J. Fulgham Henry Council No. 3328" to the "James A. Moses Council No. 3328".

In a review of the annual Convention Reports for the period 1951-1970 it appears that the Yazoo City Council has been very active. They have participated in civic affairs, sponsored a Boy Scout Troop, supported the Retreat Movement and assisted with numerous parish activities. They have been very generous in their charitable works and have been a regular contributor to the Priest Education Fund each year.





MONSIGNOR LEACH COUNCIL NO. 4472

Pass Christian

August 14, 1957

The charter membership of this Council was composed of members who transferred from the Pere Le Duc Council No. 1522, in Bay St. Louis and the Bishop Gunn Council No. 1583, Gulfport. Also, new members from the Pass Christian area. According to the States Annual Reports for the years they were in existence it seems as if they were gradually becoming established, although the membership was never exceedingly high - it was stable. However, in August, 1969 Hurricane Camille hit the Gulf Coast and the Pass Christian area was one of the most severely damaged by the ravages of the water and the wind. The Council suffered, the Parish suffered, and its members suffered, and as of this writing the Council is no longer carried on the rolls of the State.

McCOMB COUNCIL NO. 4583

McComb

July 16, 1959

The early history of the original Council located in McComb, Mississippi is very sketchy. The Supreme Council assigned the Council No. 1147 to it and it mentioned in the State Report of 1909 even though it did not send delegates to the convention. Again in 1959 a new Council was formed. The membership was small but it was fairly active according to the State Convention reports for the period 1960-1967. During its existence it was an annual contributor to the Priest Education Fund. However, it seems as if the odds were against it again because this Council was dropped in 1967.





ST. VINCENT de PAUL COUNCIL NO. 4898

Long Beach

January 18, 1960

In the late 1950's, it was evident that the City of Long Beach was coming of age, its population was increasing and those Long Beach members of Gulfport's Bishop Gunn Council No. 1583 were beginning to recognize themselves as a single force of Catholic action within their own community. These men petitioned the National Council for a separate charter and on January 18, 1960 Saint Vincent de Paul Council No. 4898 was granted its charter. The council was named in honor of Saint Vincent de Paul in recognition of the Vincentian Fathers who were responsible for the growth of catholicism in the Long Beach community. Beginning with 56 charter members, the council has grown to its present membership of 79. The council listed the following 56 men as its charter members.

Rev. G. O'Malley, C. M.
Rev. J. Shaughnessy, C. M.

M. J. Benigno	V. P. Vizzinic
W. M. Blake, Jr.	A. L. Wendling
S. A. Bowes	L. Barrale
O. J. Broussard	W. A. Boggs, Jr.
P. J. Carrubba	A. L. Brisolaro, Jr.
F. DiLorenzo	G. Carrubba
S. DiLorenzo	C. B. Creel
H. L. Dubuisson	V. A. Dauro
E. E. Fayard	L. A. Dubuisson
J. D. Fayard	T. Dubbuisson
W. G. Fennell	A. DiLorenzo
C. M. Harrington	B. DiLorenzo
H. O. Kaletsch	A. C. Fayard
L. A. Koenenn, Sr.	D. J. Hebert
L. A. Koenenn, Jr.	M. J. Harrington
C. A. Lizana, Jr.	W. L. Herron
P. E. Magee	A. Hijuelos



Presentation of Charter to St. Vincent de Paul Council No. 4898, Long Beach, Miss. January 18, 1960. Left to right...District Deputy Fred Westbrook, Jr.; Rev. J. Shaughnessy, Chaplain; Grand Knight A.C. Fayard; State Deputy Vernon P. DeJean, and Past State Deputy L. A. Koenenn.





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A. J. Peranich	S. J. Poupart
C. J. Poupart	E. Raymond
J. D. Remick	R. L. Reed, Jr.
A. A. Scafide	O. H. Roemer
L. E. Schaub	R. J. Scheeler
H. A. Schepens	R. Trisotto
H. J. Sinopoli	S. Vicknair
J. Van Cloostere	L. Walker

A. C. Fayard was elected as the first Grand Knight of the council. During his administration the council sponsored its first exemplification of the first, second and third degrees on September 18, 1960. The class, named in honor of Rev. George A. O'Malley, C. M. included candidates from the coast communities and from councils as far north as Hattiesburg. General program chairman for the event was L. A. Koenenn, Sr.

In addition the council embarked upon a ambitious six point program which included sponsorship of:

- Family Communion Breakfast
- Baseball and Softball Team
- K. C. Blood Bank
- Annual Easter Egg Hunt
- New Year's Dance
- Boy Scout Troop and Cub Pack

The council boasted an average attendance of 35% of its membership at its meetings and active participation in council, civic and church activity including a significant contribution to the Diocesan Priest's Education Fund. The council continued to increase its activity and influence in community and parish affairs under the leadership of Salvador DiLorenzo who became Grand Knight in 1961. The Council expanded its program of activities to include a number of projects aimed at improving the facilities of Saint Thomas School, publication of a quarterly newsletter and active participation in the Saint Thomas School athletic program.

In 1962, L. A. Koenenn, Sr. became the council's third Grand Knight. Mr. Koenenn brought to the position a wealth of experience gained while serving in numerous local, district and state offices during his forty years of service to the order. The stabilizing effect of this experience was evident throughout his term of office.

On July 1, 1963, Salvador DiLorenzo was installed to serve as Grand Knight for a second time. During his term the council was saddened

by the loss of two of its active members. Deputy Grand Knight Frank DiLorenzo and honorary life member Thomas Dubuissou.

Both had served the order with distinction and they were enrolled in the Purgatorial Society with the other departed Brothers.

The council continued its active six-point program and took its first step toward establishing its own home by purchasing a building site.

On July 6, 1964, Henry Odenwald was installed as Grand Knight of the Council in ceremonies conducted by Brother Willie Adams, District Deputy. Under Grand Knight Odenwald's leadership the council's six point program was expanded to include several programs which emphasized youth activity.

On June 29, 1965 A. C. Fayard was installed as the council's sixth Grand Knight. This was to prove to be the beginning of a two-year term for Brother Fayard who was re-elected to office in 1966. His two year term saw renewed dedication to construction of a home for the council, with emphasis on programs which could increase the funds available for this much needed facility.

At the June 1967 meeting, Paul Detomo was elected Grand Knight. He served as Grand Knight until he was transferred from the Long Beach area in October 1967. He was succeeded by Rodney J. Sandoz.

On July 22, 1967, a party was held honoring L. A. Koenenn, Sr. on the occasion of his 50th anniversary as a Knight of Columbus. The council presented him with a plaque and cited him for his many years of devotion to Columbianism. At the time L. A. was serving as State Deputy for the second time, having previously held the office during the years 1945 through 1947. L. A. is a charter member and Past Grand Knight of Council No. 4898.

During 1968 the council again undertook the sponsorship of a Boy Scout Troop and work was begun on renovation of an old Quonset Hut for use by the Knights and Scouts.

In May of 1968, Long Beach joined the other "convention cities" on the Gulf Coast with the first state convention ever held in the city. Some 250 Knights and their wives were guests of the Long Beach K. of C. for the 64th





annual convention of the Mississippi K. of C. The convention opened Friday night, May 17 at the Ramada Inn with Grand Knight Rodney Sandoz presiding. Mayor Robert L. Reed, Jr. welcomed the Knights to the city. The meeting was then turned over to State Deputy L. A. Koenenn, Sr. The first scheduled social event was a seafood supper at Saint Thomas Gym under the chairmanship of Adam DiLorenzo. During the day on Saturday, the wives were taken on a tour of the NASA Test Facility in Hancock County then were treated to a fashion show at the Ramada Inn. A cocktail party and banquet was held Saturday Night at the Ramada Inn followed by a dance in the Saint Thomas Gym. Master of ceremonies for the banquet was A. C. Fayard and Supreme Director Harry C. Pierotti of Memphis was the principal speaker. The convention saw L. A. Koenenn elected to his second consecutive term as State Deputy. Members from throughout the state acclaimed this convention as one of the "best ever held in the state".

The meeting following the convention saw another first for the council as Grand Knight Sandoz presented the Knights of Columbus Certificate of Merit to the chairman of the various convention activities for such a splendid "job well done". Recipients of the award were A. C. Fayard and Richard Ciccatrelli, Co-chairman; Adam DiLorenzo, Harry Kaletsch, George Lusardi, Dave DiLoreto, Ernest Spencer, and Mack Herring.

Rodney Sandoz was elected to his second term as Grand Knight in June 1968 with Richard Ciccarelli as Deputy Grand Knight.

The first annual Christmas Party for the council's members and their families was held December 22, 1968 under the chairmanship of Emmett Milner. Each child brought a canned food to help make up Christmas baskets for the poor. Movies were shown and a visit from Santa highlighted the event.

In July 1969, Stanle Vance was installed as newly elected Grand Knight with Emmett Milner as Deputy Grand Knight at an installation banquet held at the Ramada Inn in Long Beach. Outgoing Grand Knight Rodney Sandoz was presented with a plaque in recognition of his faithful services to the council. Rev. Robert Corcoran, C. M. pastor of Saint Thomas Church was presented with a plaque in appreciation for his

contributions to Columbianism and his support of Council No. 4898. State Deputy Norman Kiehm was guest speaker.

On August 17, 1969 Hurricane Camille struck with all her fury on the Gulf Coast. Her 200 MPH winds and 30 ft. tides left death and destruction everywhere. Very ambitious plans had been laid for the council for the 1969-70 year. Most of these plans had to be laid aside following the hurricane. Characteristic, however of the Long Beach Knights was the fact that they were to be found in positions of leadership in the rebuilding of church and community. They lent their skills and assistance at every opportunity and were responsible for much of the rapid recovery from the effects of this destructive event.

On June 1, 1970, Emmett J. Milner was elected Grand Knight and on July 6 1970, installation of officers was held in the Downtown-er Motel, Gulfport. Honored guests included Rev. William F. Maloney, USN Honorary Chaplain, William D. G. Skellie, Mayor of Long Beach and Hayward Ladner, District Deputy.

The year 1970-71 proves to be an active one under Grand Knight Milner, who has not only announced an ambitious six-point program but has also outlined a number of challenging goals and objectives for the council

Following are a list of our deceased Brothers:

Rev. George A. O'Malley, C. M.
Frank DiLorenzo
Thomas Dubuisson

The following Brothers have served the council as Grand Knights since 1960:

1960-61	A. C. Fayard
1961-62	S. DiLorenzo
1962-63	L. A. Koenenn, Sr.
1963-64	S. DiLorenzo
1964-65	H. Odenwald
1965-66	A. C. Fayard
1966-67	A. C. Fayard
1967	P. Detomo
1967-68	R. Sandoz
1968-69	R. Sandoz
1969-70	S. Vance
1970-71	E. J. Milner





Attending the 50th Anniversary of L. A. Koenenn, Sr., as a member of the Order at a reception given by the St. Vincent de Paul Council No. 4498 in July 1967. Left to right .. Father Corcoran, Pastor of St. Thomas Church, Master F. J. Oberlies; Vice Supreme Master Edward A. Winter; State Deputy L. A. Koenenn, Sr., and Past State Deputy John S. Cabibi.





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MONSIGNOR JOHN F. CLERICO COUNCIL NO. 5267

(Formerly Greenwood Council No. 5267)

Greenwood

April 15, 1962

Council No. 5267 was organized and State Deputy E. P. Shapley opened the first meeting on April 15, 1962, with Brother W. H. Nored being elected Grand Knight and Monsignor John F. Clerico and Brother Billy Baglan being appointed Chaplain and Financial Secretary respectively. The Council occupied its first months in finding a hall which they rented and moved into on May 9, 1962; in organizing and establishing procedures according to the laws of the Knights of Columbus; in utilizing the Six Point Program; and in increasing its basic membership. Brother Jim Harden was appointed financial Secretary on May 23, 1962.

The first officers of the council were re-elected in a body to serve the first full year's term, 1962-1963. The council again operated under the Six Point Program and established its use so that now it is used each term by the council. Finances were secured, placing the council on a sound financial footing by establishing a football pool which is used each year; holding a spaghetti and bingo; and raffling an International Scout, boat, motor, and trailer. The council began cooperating with the local parish in its project, and also with the Holy Name Society. Memorial services were held for Brother Ed Ola, our first deceased brother. Other activities such as Corporate Communions, a Priest Education Fund drive, and a float in the Christmas parade were undertaken and continued in succeeding years.

The 1963-64 term found the Council entrusted to the leadership of Grand Knight Abe Malouf, Sr. Monsignor John F. Clerico permitted the council to sponsor a "Hometown Carnival" for itself which netted close to \$5300. The money was used to purchase

a lot south of Greenwood for our future home. Major projects of the council in this year besides the carnival were: serving as co-sponsor for distributing the Salk polio vaccine to the city of Greenwood which earned \$2500 for the council; forming a Ladies Auxiliary; raising the dues from \$16 to \$20; using the additional \$4 for the Priest Fund donation. The council now was in a sound enough financial position to start working for its own home.

Brother Henry Espel was elected Grand Knight for the 1964-65 term. Due to certain adverse conditions, it was decided that there would be no carnival. A Home Committee was formed to solicit funds to be applied to the cost of the future home. This excellent committee chaired by Past Grand Knight Abe Malouf, Sr., raised the sum of \$4,256. The council participated in a St. Jude Hospital drive which raised \$1533 for this worthy project; held a family picnic for the entire parish; and had a Saint Patrick's party put on by the "Irish and Red Neck" members which has become an annual affair. Past Grand Knight W. H. Nored was appointed District Deputy of District 1.

Under the guidance of Grand Knight Dewey Malouf, the year 1965-66 was a year of good steady progress for our council. Brother James L. Quinn was appointed Financial Secretary in July of this year. The Six Point Program was functioning well for the council and showing its value. Events and activities of note were: collection in excess of \$1000 in clothing for hurricane victims on the Gulf Coast; sponsored a softball team which won the City Championship and showed





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well in the State Tournament; purchased robes and jewels for all officers; and through the Hometown Carnival netted approximately \$4000 for the building fund. In March of 1966, the council endeavored to buy a piece of property in Greenwood, securing the property for our use if the City of Greenwood would rezone the property.

Our beloved Chaplain and parish pastor for over 50 years, Monsignor John F. Clerico, died on February 27, 1966. A great loss to our council!

Brother L. J. Harden became our fifth Grand Knight for the term of 1966-67. Grand Knight Harden's main efforts were directed to get our recently purchased property rezoned for our use. After considerable effort it was decided that it would be best to sell the property rather than to continue to push for rezoning. The property was then sold by the council. Other projects of note undertaken were (a) an effort to establish a monthly Knight letter for the council, (b) a Stamp Out Smut campaign, (c) having all the local parish church kneelers padded, (d) joining with two civic clubs to sponsor a Boy's Club, (e) sponsored a Boy Scout troop, and (f) assisted in a county census to determine the faith of the various county residents. The Hometown Carnival in spite of being rained out on its scheduled night netted the council approximately \$2000 for its building fund.

After the election of Jesse J. Quinn, Sr., as sixth Grand Knight for 1967-68, the name of the council was legally changed from Council No. 5267 to Monsignor John F. Clerico Council to honor the recently deceased Monsignor. The annual carnival resulted in \$3800 being deposited, and many items being carried over for use at the next carnival. During the year, K. C. relations with the parish were good. The CYO's spaghetti supper held in the K. C. Hall was successful, and the council sponsored an active Boy

Scout troop and a Girl Scout troop. Monthly pot luck suppers were given by the Ladies Auxiliary. Christmas, Irish, Lebanese, and Italian parties were also held with wives attending.

Rituals were finally bought and received. Nine new members were initiated, and two were reinstated. The members contributed \$192.50 to the Priest Fund. When the 173rd Quartermaster Corps departed for Vietnam, the council gave them 153 Sacred Heart medals and chains.

After preparation of plans and specifications, and an exhaustive search by the Building Committee for a proper site, the council decided to build its new home on a lot south of Greenwood. On May 16, 1968, the contracts for a 50' x 100' metal building with a slab concrete foundation, plumbing, heating and air conditioning were signed by Jesse J. Quinn, Sr. Ground breaking ceremonies were held a few days later. The council agreed to build without soliciting donations; members would do most of the work themselves. Shortly thereafter, new officers were elected and the building was entrusted to them. Grand Knight Quinn had put together the efforts of the previous Grand Knights, and thus was able to start actual construction of their new hall.

Brother Robert A. Quinn was appointed Financial Secretary in July of 1967 due to the fact that Brother Joseph Nasser was unable to obtain insurance because of his age. However, Brother Nasser was appointed as acting Financial Secretary serving in this capacity until the writing of this history.

In 1968-69, the council enjoyed a rewarding and productive year under Grand Knight A. G. Abide, Jr. The most outstanding event of the year was the substantial completion of our council home on its six acre site. The building was far enough along in construction that it was occupied by us





"Ribbon Cutting" Ceremony for the Opening of the New Home of the John F. Clerico Council No. 5267 of Greenwood, Mississippi, June 22, 1969. Left to right: Jesse J. Quinn, Sr. Past Grand Knight, State Deputy L. A. Koenenn, Sr., A. G. Abide, Jr., Grand Knight, and Fritz J. Oberlies, Master of the Fourth Degree.

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Bishop of Altoona-Johnstown





about August 7, 1968. The major portion of the work on the building--partitioning, paneling, electrical, ceiling, floors, etc.--was done by the members. Hundreds of member man hours went into this project. Totaling 5000 square feet, our council home has a 2500 square foot ballroom, a foyer, two rest rooms, meeting room, and a kitchen. A formal grand opening of the building was held June 22, 1969, with State Deputy Koennan participating in the ribbon cutting ceremonies. Work continues on various projects up to this date.

Major activities of the year were the Hometown Carnival (due to a severe rainstorm netted only \$972.71), the adoption of house rules for our new hall, the publishing of a Knight letter once a month for the information of the members, and the holding of a steak night for members once a month. The council received the Star Council Award and the Kennedy Award for its efforts of the year, a first for our council on each of these awards.

The reins of leadership were passed on to Grand Knight Jesse J. Quinn, Jr., for 1969-70. The council had become very unified in its drive to become the best in the state. It was also blessed in having a new parish priest and Chaplain, Father John Izral. Among the many activities carried on by the council were (a) gave grocery baskets to the needy at Christmas, (b) assisted the ladies in a bridge benefit netting \$300 for the

handicapped children, (c) took part in sponsoring a Drug Abuse program, (d) put on three major drives for new members and increased membership 21%. As of January 1, 1970, only \$15 was outstanding in dues from a total of 93 members. This was largely due to the efforts of Acting Financial Secretary Joseph Nasser who was appointed District Insurance Agent, (e) organized an excellent first degree team, (f) netted \$2700 for the Hometown Carnival project, (g) adopted council by-laws, (h) sold \$5000 in bonds to defer notes on our home, and (i) continued work on our home installing a parking lot light, working on a bocchia court, constructing a \$900 bar for \$60, and installing kitchen cabinets. At the State convention the council was told that it would receive the Star Award for the year's work from the Supreme Council. The council was also awarded the Hilton A. Seymour Award for Mississippi Council of the year. Brother Joseph Nasser was awarded the Fred Westbrook "Knight of the Year" Award for the state. At the end of his term Grand Knight Jesse J. Quinn, Jr., was appointed District Deputy of District I by the State Deputy.

The council is now moving into the 1970-71 year under Grand Knight Louis Naaman, Jr. Four new members have been taken into the council, and the membership now exceeds 100. The efforts of the council are at present being directed toward its Hometown Carnival, and from this we all hope to be a bigger and better council yet.

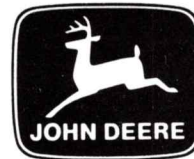
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FATHER ROTONDO COUNCIL NO. 5556

Cleveland

April 20, 1964

For many years prior to the establishment of a council in Cleveland, a number of men from Our Lady of Victories Parish were members of the Greenville or Clarksdale Councils and functioned as a local Knights of Columbus Club in Cleveland. In the years 1962-1964 Victor Aguzzi, President of the Cleveland Club, encouraged by Rev. Patrick Hannelly, conducted a campaign to establish a new council in Cleveland. Their efforts in building support for the project were reinforced by the assistance of District Deputy John Laurenzi and Past State Deputy John Sommers under whose guidance a charter for Father Rotondo Council No. 5556 was granted on April 20, 1964. Officers of the newly chartered Council were: Chaplain, Rev. Patrick J. Hannelly; Grand Knight, W. F. La Forge; Deputy Grand Knight, Victor Aguzzi; Chancellor, Sam Danna; Recorder, Leslie McGovern; Financial Secretary, L. T. Michie; Treasurer, Ned Fioranelli; Lecturer, Dick Miller; Advocate, Martin King; Warden, Mario Barbati; Inside Guard, Rudy Battistelli; Outside Guard, Albert Rocconi; Trustees, Ned Aguzzi, Joe Aguzzi, and Dominic Rizzo. In addition to the officers, the charter members of this Council were: Charles A. Feduccia, Sr., Lawrence A. Feduccia, George Ferri, Jr., Armand Fioranelli, John F. Homan, James B. McGowan, James P. Rocconi, Frank P. Roncali, Jr., William A. Smith, Jr., Eugene Tarsi, Jr., Roger K. Wyatt, A. K. Abide, Jr., Francis B. Aylward, Wendel J. Chudy, Joseph Correro, Albert Ferri, Fred Fioranelli, John A. Holland, John H. Janous, James Pambianchi, Tony Rizzo, Jr., Julius P. Rocconi, and John D. Rogers. Of the charter members, Brother L. T. Michie is deceased as of June, 1970.

During its first six and one-half years of operation, Father Rotondo Council has consistently given special attention to building its membership

strength. Sources for new members are limited because of the small size of Our Lady of Victories Parish. Successful membership campaigns have insured that nearly every eligible man in the Parish is a member of the Council with special attention being given to young men as they reach the minimum age of eighteen. In addition to membership drives in Cleveland, the Council has enjoyed considerable success in initiating excellent members from Rosedale, Shelby, and Shaw. The membership of this Council, which increased from thirty-eight on April 20, 1964, to eighty-nine as of June 30, 1970, may be described as enthusiastic and dedicated to the principles of the Order.

Since it was chartered, the membership of this Council has elevated the following brothers to the responsibilities of the various Council offices:

Grand Knight: W. F. LaForge, April - June, 1964; 1964-1966; 1967-1968. Rudy Battistelli, 1966-1967. Ned Fioranelli, 1968-1970. Victor Aguzzi, 1970-1971.

Deputy Grand Knight: Victor Aguzzi, April-June, 1964; 1964-1965; 1968-1970. Rudy Battistelli, 1965-1966. A. K. Abide, Jr., 1966-1967. Joe Correro, 1967-1968. Eugene Tarsi, 1970-1971.

Chancellor: Sam Danna, April-June, 1964; 1964-1965. Dick Miller, 1965-1966. Eugene Tarsi, 1966-1968. J. O. Malloy, 1968-1969. Henry Mosco, 1968-1970. Joe Aguzzi, 1970-1971.

Recorder: Leslie McGovern, April-June, 1964; 1964-1966. Dick Miller, 1966-1968. Ben Bailey, 1968-1970. 1966 - 1968. Ben Bailey, 1968 - 1970. John Aguzzi, 1970-1971.





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Rev. E. Victor Rotondo





Treasurer: Ned Fioranelli, April-June, 1964; 1964-1968. David Work, 1968-1970. Victor Aguzzi, Jr., 1970-1971.

Advocate: Martin King, April-June, 1964; 1964-1965. A. K. Abide, Jr., 1965 - 1966. John Abide, 1966-1968. Jimmy Rizzo, Jr., 1968-1969. Jack Dempsey, 1969-1970. Ned Aguzzi, 1970-1971.

Warden: Mario Barbati, April-June, 1964; 1964-1965. Victor Aguzzi, 1965 - 1968. Sam Langston, Jr., 1968-1970. Evo Biagioli, 1970-1971.

Inside Guard: Rudy Battistelli, April - June, 1964; 1964-1965. Henry Mosco, 1965-1966. Lloyd Brown, 1966-1968. F. A. Borganelli, 1968-1969. Evo Biagioli, 1969 - 1970. Phillip Rizzo, 1970 - 1971. Albert Rocconi, April-June, 1964; 1964-1966.

Outside Guard: Evo Giagioli, 1966 - 1968. Louis Bailey, 1968-1970. Julius Rocconi, 1970-1971.

Trustees: Ned Aguzzi, April-June, 1964; 1964-1967. Joe Aguzzi, April-June, 1964; 1964-1965. Dominic Rizzo, April - June, 1964; 1964-1968. Julius Rocconi, 1965-1966. Dominic Tumminello, 1966 - 1969. Rudy Battistelli, 1967 - 1970. W. F. La Forge, 1968-1971. Albert Rocconi, 1969-1972. Ned Fioranelli, 1970-1973.

The following Brothers have served with distinction in those offices for which the Grand Knight has appointive authority:

Chaplain: Rev. Patrick J. Hannelly, April-June, 1964; 1964-1966. Rev. John Leonard, 1966-1971.

Financial Secretary: L. T. Michie, April-June, 1964; July-November, 1964. Frank Roncali, Jr., November, 1964-September, 1966; December, 1966-1971. John Conway, September-December, 1966.

Lecturer: Dick Miller, April-June, 1964; 1964-1965. Martin King, 1965-1966. James Koch, 1966-1967. C. E. Bowden, III, 1967-1968. Eugene Tarsi, 1968-1970. Armand Fioranelli, 1970-1971.

From its inception Father Rotondo Council has endeavored to fulfill the purposes of the Knights of Columbus and has followed the format laid down in the Six Point Program usually under the chairmanship of the Deputy Grand Knight. In this respect, the activities of this Council bear a close resemblance to the programs pursued by other Councils in this Jurisdiction and throughout the entire Order. A survey of the Recorder's Minute Book discloses considerable Council attention to fraternal, charitable, and community projects as well as to Catholic activities.

Full support has been given to nation-wide projects sponsored by the Supreme Council, such as the Catholic advertising campaign. Special efforts were made in implementing the Anti-Smut Movement in the form of letters to State and Federal Senators and Representatives, and participation in a local, community-wide Council of Decency. The Council has secured the widest local publicity for the annual program distributed by the Supreme Knight in connection with the observance of Columbus Day. Similar support was given to the national goal of retaining the phrase "Under God" in the pledge of allegiance.

Father Rotondo Council has also given strong support to State programs and projects. Most notable among these is the Priests' Education Fund to which the Council has contributed \$1600 through the 1969 - 1970 year. Each year the Council contributes to the fund for sending a Catholic college student to a national Newman meeting.





The 1970-1971 Officers of the Father Rotondo Council No. 5556 include three generations of the Aguzzi Family. Son Ned (center) is Advocate; Sons Victor (second from right) and Joe (second from left) serve as Grand Knight and Chancellor, respectively and grandsons John (left) and Victor, Jr. (right) serve as Recorder and Treasurer, respectively.



Winners in a recent Boccie Tournament sponsored by Father Rotondo Council No. 5556 were (L. to R.) Ned Fioranelli, John Aguzzi, Jimmy Rucconi, Rudy Battistelli, and Frank Roncali, Jr.





On the local level special attention has been given to promoting the mission of the Church. The Council has especially given support to the retreat movement, and has provided funds to finance the expenses of making a retreat for parish members. Members of the Council have served the parish as Mass commentators, lectors, and ushers. Council members have been encouraged to make frequent communions and to attend daily Mass especially during such special liturgical seasons as Lent. Special religious activities, such as novenas and days of recollection, have been adopted as Council projects. Father Rotondo Council has recently furnished a cross to adorn the new Church constructed by Our Lady of Victories Parish and has provided other assistance in the past such as helping with the purchase of a Christmas manger scene.

In fulfilling its purpose of fraternity, the Council has adopted such standard practices as visiting Brothers in the hospital, sending messages of sympathy in time of illness or distress, and maintaining a blood donor file and a wake list. In November each year Masses have been said for all deceased Knights of Our Lady of Victories Parish and the special Commemorative Service of the Order has been held in their memory. Families of the departed Brothers were invited to attend the Service. The Council has come to the financial aid of Brothers in Distress in time of need.

In addition to a fraternal and charitable concern for its own members Father Rotondo Council has adopted a number of programs which were parish and community wide in nature. An interest in young people motivated the sponsorship of a Boy Scout Troop, and a consistent policy of supporting the work of the Catholic Youth Organization. Young people of the parish are honored on their graduation from high school. Each year, in partnership with Our Lady of Victories Altar Society, the Council arranged for par-

ties for the children of the parish at Christmas and Easter. Examples of community interest are the entry of a float in the annual Christmas parade in Cleveland and support for the operation of a city library. The latter project not only involved a financial contribution but also occasional gifts of books such as the Catholic Encyclopedia.

A review of the brief history of this Council reveals that much of its energies are devoted to fund raising activities and to programs designed to meet the recreational and educational needs of its members. Nearly every method of fund raising has been exploited, including car raffles, football pools, spaghetti suppers, and sale of specialty articles such as zip code books. A rather unique and successful project was the sponsorship of farm equipment sales.

Some of the proceeds of these projects were used to purchase two acres of land as a site for a Council home. The building fund itself was established soon after the Council was chartered, and the purchase of the land was made in August, 1965. The final note was paid in August, 1969. In the meantime, the Council constructed a large recreation building in 1966-1967 which contains two bocce courts, and which provides a center for general fraternal and recreational activities. In 1970 preliminary plans were under way to expand this facility and construct a suitable Council home.

At social meetings the Lecturers have provided a variety of informative and entertaining programs for the membership. Each year the Council members and their families have enjoyed an outing at a nearby lake, and members and their wives have been guests of the Council at a Mardi Gras party.

During its short period of operation, Father Rotondo Council has





earned a number of honors and awards and has provided leadership beyond the Council level. At the 1966 State Convention, the Council was named Council of the Year and was presented the Hilton Seymour Award. For both the years 1967 and 1968, it won the Membership Honor Roll Certificate and the Insurance Honor Roll, as well as being designated as a Star Council. In 1968 the Council was awarded the Contest of Champions Trophy for its achievement in procuring members and again, in 1969, success in increasing the number of insurance members was recognized by the award of a Design for '69 trophy. In the same year, a member of this Council, W. F. La Forge, was honored as the recipient of the Fred L. Westbrook, Sr.. Knight of the Year Award

at the State Convention. Brother La Forge also served as District Deputy of District No. One in the years 1968-1970, and was elected State Secretary for 1970-1971. Father Rotondo Council provided the first Formation Degree team in the Mississippi Jurisdiction. Members of the team included Rev. John Leonard, W. F. La Forge, David Work, Jack Dempsey, and Billy La Forge. The first exemplification of this degree was conducted in Greenwood in October, 1969.

Based on the record of its first six years of activity Father Rotondo Council No. 5556 anticipates a continuation of its expansion and of its efforts to promote the ideals of Columbianism.

Grand Knight Ned Fioranelli Presents a set of New Catholic Encyclopedia to Mrs. W. V. Smith of the Cleveland and Public Library as District Deputy W. F. LaForge looks on.



Presentation of Council Charter. L. to R. Grand Knight W. F. LaForge, State Deputy Charles Sherman, District Deputy John Laurenzi.





FRED L. WESTBROOK, SR. COUNCIL NO. 5654

Ocean Springs

January 10, 1965

Ocean Springs is a growing city, growing in many aspects. Its population is increasing. The town's physical size has soared in expansion. The parish plant is constantly growing. Everywhere one looks in Ocean Springs, they see its people on the move; on the move for a bigger and better city and parish. With this movement came the establishment of the Fred L. Westbrook, Sr. Council 5654 of the Knights of Columbus in St. Alphonsus Parish, Ocean Springs.

The Fred L. Westbrook, Sr. Council was organized on January 10, 1965, with Harry Gossman elected to the post of Grand Knight. Other elected officers were:

Deputy Grand Knight.....Roland Meaut
Chancellor.....William Keegan
Fin. Secretary....Irwin Oberneufemann
Recorder.....Milton Seymour
Treasurer.....Frank Mathine
Advocate.....Ferdinand Kiernan
Lecturer.....Fred Howell
Warden.....Robert Cox
Inner Guard.....George Smith
Outer Guard.....Steve Wetzel
Board of Trustees.....George Fero
C. Chambers
J. R. Bourg
Chaplain.....Father Gerard Cleary

During the first year of organization the council took over sponsorship of the Boy Scouts. Under the guidance of the council members of Council 5654, Troop 216 enjoyed many scouting adventures. The Council also sponsored a "Charter Membership" Drive during their first months of existence.

In June, the month designated as the "new year", the young KC Council elected new officers for the year 1965-1966. The members elected on June 2, the following officers:
Grand Knight.....Roland Meaut
Deputy Grand Knight..Mike Mitchell, Sr.
Chancellor... ..Robert Cox

Fin. Secretary....Irwin Oberneufemann
Recorder.....Milton Seymour, Sr.
Treasurer.....Frank Mathiew
Advocate...Gen. J. P. Kirkendall (Ret)
Lecturer.....Fred Howell
Warden.....Travis Norman
Inner Guard.....George Smith
Outer Guard.....Steve Wetzel
Board of Trustees.....Harry Gossman
George Fero
Buddy Beaugez
Chaplain.....Rev. Gerard Cleary

Installation of the newly elected officers was held on July 7, 1965, with Reinhart Schroeder and Hilton Seymour officiating. Schroeder was chairman of the committee and Hilton Seymour was a Past State Deputy. Fred L. Westbrook, Jr., also participated in the installation ceremonies. He is a Past State Deputy.



Roland Meaut
1965-1967

The first year, 1965, saw many "firsts" for the Ocean Springs Council. A "first" committee was formed to appear before the city council seeking an ordinance from the city to prohibit the sale of indecent literature. The committee was spearheaded by Bob Mayer.





Another "first" took place on November 17. A memorial service was held for Rev. Francis Deignan, the late pastor of St. Alphonsus Church. At the National Guard Armory, the council Brothers held a fund raising project. This toy social, a "first" of its kind, became an annual project and is the main source of revenue for other council projects. Eighty members and their guests enjoyed their "first" anniversary banquet on January 15, 1966. A final "first", which has become an annual event, was the council's Invitational Golf Tournament. This tournament chairmanned by Buddy Beaugez was held on March 27 and April 3 at the Hickory Hill Golf Course.

On June 8, 1966, Roland Meaut was re-elected as Grand Knight. Other elected officers were:

Deputy Grand Knight.....Mike Mitchell
Chancellor.....Frank Tarrant
Fin. Secretary....Irwin Oberneufemann
Recorder.....Milton Seymour
Treasurer.....Frank Mathiew
Advocate.....Ferdinand Kiernan
Lecturer.....Fred Howell
Warden.....Walter Ryan
Inner Guard.....Leonard Tarrant
Outer Guard.....Cecil Chambers
Board of Trustees.....Harry Gossman
George Fero
Fred L. Westbrook, Jr.
Chaplain.....Rev. Thomas Boyce

Bill Collins, District Deputy, installed the new officers on July 6.

Fred L. Westbrook, Sr. Council, spirited by the success of their first year, looked forward to the expansion of their yearly projects. This year the council sponsored a fishing rodeo for children under 16. "Fishy Awards" were given to those youths who landed the most fish, the largest fish by weight, the largest fish by length, and the smallest fish in length. George Fero served as chairman of the rodeo.

"Perversion for Profit", a film discussing indecent literature, was shown by the council. Dr. Peter Pava-

lo presented the film and led the discussion. This project was under the chairmanship of George Fero.

Last year's "firsts" became "seconds" this year as the council enjoyed another successful toy social held on December 7, 1966, at the National Guard Armory. On January 18, 1967, ninety members and their guests celebrated their second anniversary with a banquet in the Parish Hall. The Council hosted their Invitational Golf Tournament on March 19 and April 2. Buddy Beaugez acted as chairman and was able to chalk up another success for the council.

This year a Father Deignan Religion Award was established and presented to a student at St. Alphonsus scoring the highest average in religion for the year.

Roland Meaut was elected Knight of the Year for the Council.

With the old year fading behind and a new year approaching, the members of the council met for the election of officers for their third year of existence. On June 7, 1967, the following men were elected:

Grand Knight.....Mike Mitchell
Deputy Grand Knight.....Frank Tarrant
Chancellor.....Travis Norman
Fin. Secretary....Irwin Oberneufemann
Recorder.....Roland Benoit
Treasurer.....Ira Griggs
Advocate.....Fred Howell
Lecturer.....Robert Young
Warden.....David Beaugez
Inner Guard.....Joe Morris III
Outer Guard.....Charlie Voivedich
Board of Trustees.....Roland Meaut
Fred Westbrook
Harry Gossman
Chaplain.....Rev. Thomas Boyce

Officers for the year 1967-68 were installed on July 12, 1967, by State Deputy L. A. Koenenn. A supper followed the installation.





Mike Mitchell
1967-1968

Council Brothers receiving honors this year were: Buddy Beaugez, Knight of the Year; Roland Meaut, District Deputy of District Six; and Ferdinand Kiernan, Knight of the Year.

Activities sponsored and met with success were: the KC annual bazaar held July 26 and 27, 1967, on the St. Alphonsus school grounds; the council first family picnic held at Magnolia State Park on October 1; a holy hour held on September 29; a special Mass celebrated in the honor of Christopher Columbus commemorating the 85th anniversary of the founding of the Knights of Columbus on October 12; the organization of a weekly hospital visitation program and the annual banquet; toy social; and golf tournament. Frank Tarrant acted as Chairman of the K C Bazaar; H. F. Dubuisson was chairman of the Holy Hour; and the Visitation program was under the chairmanship of Joe Morris, Jr.

The following awards were presented to the Fred L. Westbrook Council: the Hilton Seymour Award, the Columbian Star Council Award, and the Insurance Award.

The elections of June 7, 1968, marked the fourth year of the Ocean Springs Council. Frank Tarrant was elected Grand Knight. Officers working closely with Brother Tarrant were:

Deputy Grand Knight.....David Beaugez
Chancellor.....Buddy Beaugez

Fin. Secretary....Irwin Oberneufemann
Recorder.....John Hamilton
Treasurer.....Ira Griggs
Advocate.....Sherod Miller
Lecturer.....Joe Morris, Jr.
Warden.....H. Dubuisson
Inner Guard.....Jim Herrin
Outer Guard.....Mike Ross
Trustees.....Mike Mitchell
Roland Meaut
Fred Westbrook, Sr.
Chaplain.....Rev. Thomas Boyce

Installation of officers took place on July 3, 1968, with District Deputy Roland Meaut presiding. The following program lists the activities for the year 1968-69:

July-----Second annual bazaar
September-----Fish fry
October--Observation of Columbus Day.
A program was broadcast on the radio. Mass was attended in the evening by the council members. Annual picnic at Magnolia State Park.
December-----Annual toy social
January--Fourth anniversary banquet at the Village Inn.
April----Bingo, proceeds were for the Priest Education Fund. Third annual Invitational Golf Tournament at Hickory Hill Country Club.

Memorial services were held this year for Rev. Francis Deignan and James Moody, deceased members of the Council.

George Fero headed a Kidney Fund Drive for the council while Mel Horneback began the council's Patriotic Program. The council now flies 100 American flags throughout the city of Ocean Springs on all national holidays.

Council Brothers receiving recognition in various fields were: Clarence Theriot, a plaque of appreciation; Travis Norman, the "Pro Deo Et Juventute (For God and Youth)" award at the State CYO Convention in Jackson; H. F. Dubuisson, Knight of the





Year; and Joe Morris, Jr., won the annual Goofy Golf Tournament held in Biloxi.

Frank Tarrant was re-elected Grand Knight on June 4, 1969. Other officers elected were:

Deputy Grand Knight.....F. Kiernan
 Chancellor.....J. Seymour
 Recorder.....Mel Horneback
 Fin. Secretary....Irwin Oberneufemann
 Treasurer.....Ira Griggs
 Secretary.....Leonard Tarrant
 Advocate.....Joe Morris, Jr.
 Warden.....H. Dubuisson
 Inner Guard.....Carl Broussard
 Outer Guard.....Don Gutby
 Trustees... ..Mike Mitchell
 Roland Meaut
 Buddy Beaugez

On July 2, 1969, the new officers were installed by District Deputy Roland Meaut.



Frank Tarrant
1968-1970

In August of this year the Mississippi Gulf Coast was badly destroyed by Hurricane Camille. The beach area of Ocean Springs was a victim of her viciousness. The Marianite Sisters who staff the elementary school of St. Alphonsus lost their home and belongings during the wake of this destruction. Members of the Fred L. West-

brook Council helped the sisters gather what was left of their things, and financially assisted the sisters in many ways.

Members of the council and their wives were served a delicious spaghetti and meatball supper on October 25, and enjoyed a "spooky-good-time" at the council home with a Hallowe'en party. During the Thanksgiving Holidays, food baskets were given to needy families. On November 19, a memorial service was held for deceased members of the council.

This year, Frank Tarrant received the "Pro Deo Et Juventute (For God and Youth)" award at the State CYO Convention in Jackson. This was the second year a member of St. Alphonsus Knights of Columbus was given the honor.

June 3, 1970, marks the beginning of the sixth year of the Fred L. Westbrook Council. Officers for this year are:



F. W. Kiernan
1970-1971

Grand Knight.....F. Kiernan
 Deputy Grand Knight.....R. Mayo
 Chancellor.....J. Seymour
 Recorder.....R. Rancourt
 Fin. Secretary....Irwin Oberneufemann
 Treasurer.....Ira Griggs
 Lecturer.....S. Miller

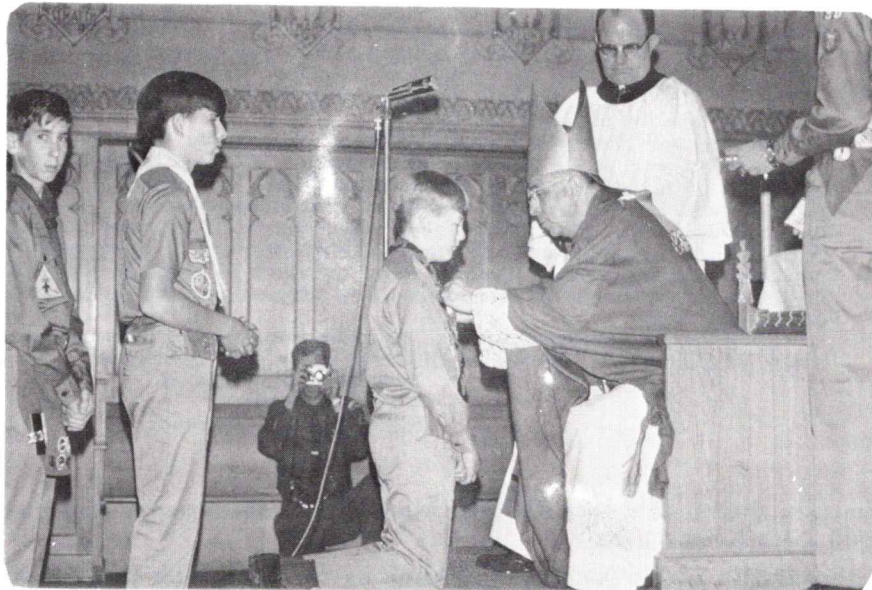




Advocate.....F. L. Westbrook
Warden.....J. Toche
Inner Guard.....F. Pasquini
Outer Guard.....L. Allen
Trustees.....M. Mitchell
 B. Beaugez
 F. Tarrant

The Council Brothers can look
over the past six years and see the

growth of their council. As the city
grew, the parish grew; and with the
parish, grew the Fred L. Westbrook
Council. This council is moving. Each
new year has brought new projects, bet-
ter ways to succeed with old projects,
growth in membership, and a unifying
spirit aimed for a bigger and better
parish and council.



Bishop Brunini presents the Ad Altare Dei Award to Scouts
in the Fred L. Westbrook Sr. sponsored troop. Council No.
5654 has sponsored this troop since 1965.





COLUMBIAN SQUIRES PROGRAM

A history would not be complete without some mention of the Columbian Squires. We would like to quote the following report from the 57th Annual Convention of the Mississippi State Council - 1961.

STATE SQUIRES PROGRAM

As State Squires Chairman of the Mississippi jurisdiction this past year, it is very discouraging for me to report that none of our councils have organized a squire circle of Catholic boys, which is a youth program that assures us of future Knights and trained leaders.

Brother Knights, we have exceptional opportunities as members of the Knights of Columbus. With one of our objectives being to aid and encourage the development of youth, we can see to it that every boy we come in contact with thoroughly understands what it is that has made our country strong and vigorous. We can help them to understand that it was opportunity, incentive and co-operative effort at work that enabled our forefathers to develop what we now enjoy. The youth of America is the nation's greatest asset. They will build the world of the future, and frankly, they will shape, to a large extent, the kind of future which we as adults desire them to make. If we, through kind understanding, give them the tools of good citizenship, respect for law and order, and tolerance for the rights of other individuals, they will direct their energies toward the creation of a society having high moral values. But if we, through indifference, neglect, and lack of interest, allow the forces of evil which are lurking in many places to captivate the minds of these youngsters, we may expect our society to degenerate and be weakend. The choice depends, in large measure, upon adults, the men who today are the counselors of youth.

No one will doubt that youth work is the keynote of our Knights of Columbus Six Point Program of activity. It is the adhesion and cohesion of a good Knights of Columbus council. It is that part of the program which gives a warm feeling of contentment around the heart of a job well done. The tremendous expansion in youth work, mainly SQUIRES, is well organized in other jurisdictions, and it is expected a new high will be reached in youth activity, which is a step in the right direction, when one stops to consider the rampart increase in juvenile delinquency crime.

Let's have Columbanism spread its influence over this grand organization of Columbian Squires in Mississippi this next fiscal year.

Respectfully submitted,
V. O. Banchetti
State Squires Chairman

According to the records that we have available the following Columbian Squire Circles have been sponsored in the State.

1. Father Mullin Circle No. 81, sponsored by the Vicksburg Council No. 898 and organized on May 17, 1971 -- Letter from Supreme Office dated May 18, 1971.
2. Dominic Savio Circle No. 1485 sponsored by the Bishop Fahey Council No. 1908 and organized on March 4, 1962.
3. John F. Kennedy Circle No. 1798 sponsored by the Pascagoula Council No. 1605 and it was organized on March 14, 1965.
4. John T. Savage Council sponsored a Circle but no records are available.

At the present time the Squire Program is not active in Mississippi but it is a program that should be considered by all the Councils.

The above report is just as timely to-day as it was 11 years ago when it was written.





Members of the Dominic Salvio Circle No. 1485 sponsored by the Bishop Fahey Council No. 1908 presenting a check to Most Reverend Richard O. Gerow, Bishop of Natchez-Jackson. This check was presented at the 58th Annual State Convention held in Hattiesburg, Mississippi.



PAST STATE DEPUTY HILTON A. SEYMOUR AWARD

This award was originated by Hilton Seymour while serving his second term as State Deputy in 1958. The purpose of this award was to encourage councils in the Mississippi Jurisdiction to make full use of the Six Point Program and support membership conservation and recruitment.

The first award was presented to Vicksburg Council No. 898 at the State Convention held in Natchez, Mississippi in 1959 and was identified as the State Deputy Award.

In succeeding years, the name was changed to Past State Deputy Award and was presented for "Outstanding Columbian Activity".

The plaque is given by the donor in appreciation of the honor of serving as State Deputy of the Mississippi jurisdiction.

Councils winning this award are as follows:

1959	Vicksburg Council No. 898
1960	Biloxi Council No. 1244
1961	Biloxi Council No. 1244
1962	Bishop Fahey Council No. 1908
1963	Monsignor Burns Council No. 802
1964	Biloxi Council No. 1244
1965	Pascagoula Council No. 1605
1966	Father Rotondo Council No. 5556
1967	Father Korstenbroek Council No. 2134
1968	Fred L. Westbrook, Sr. Council No. 5654
1969	Bishop Gerow Council No. 1034
1970	Monsignor John F. Clerico Council No. 5267
1971	Bishop Gunn Council No. 1583

FRED L. WESTBROOK SR. MEMORIAL AWARD

This award is made each year by Past State Deputy Fred L. Westbrook, Jr. in memory of his father. The purpose of this award is to recognize the outstanding Knight in the Mississippi Jurisdiction and it is based upon the recipient's activities in regard to Church, Columbianism, Civic, Family, and other pertinent factors.

Since it was first presented in 1964 the following members have received the award:

Year	Name	Location and Council Number
1964	John Laurenzi	Clarksdale No. 2969
1965	Arlis Grey	Pascagoula No. 1605
1966	F. J. Bartlett	Gulfport No. 1583
1967	Howard Bodouin	Biloxi No. 1244
1968	Dr. William LaForge	Cleveland No. 5556
1969	C. Medric Warren	Jackson No. 848
1970	Joseph Nassar	Greenwood No. 5267
1971	August J. Stone, P.S.D.	Natchez No. 1034





STATE CONVENTIONS IN MISSISSIPPI

Since the establishment of the Order in the State there have been 67 State Conventions. The first recorded convention or the fifth convention was in Meridian, Mississippi in 1909 and was attended by the following councils: No. 802, 848, 898, 1034, and 1244. The records of the previous conventions apparently have been lost as their minutes are not in the Chancery Office in Jackson. The following list is published as a matter of interest along with the membership (to the closest quarter) at the time.

Year	Location	Membership	Year	Location	Membership
1909	Meridian	-----	1941	Vicksburg	1191
1910	Biloxi	-----	1942	Jackson	1320
1911	Vicksburg	-----	1943	Biloxi	1285
1912	Bay St. Louis	726	1944	Natchez	1425
1913	Gulfport	726	1945	Vicksburg	1595
1914	Meridian	-----	1946	Bay St. Louis	1937
1915	Pascagoula	807	1947	Meridian	2478
1916	Natchez	897	1948	Greenville	2404
1917	Jackson	1012	1949	Hattiesburg	2338
1918	Bay St. Louis	1512	1950	Jackson	2319
1919	Vicksburg	1714	1951	Gulfport	2353
1920	Biloxi	1885	1952	Clarksdale	2217
1921	Greenville	2080	1953	Natchez	2321
1922	Laurel	1741	1954	Biloxi	2338
1923	Natchez	1874	1955	Jackson	2489
1924	Canton	1875	1956	Vicksburg	2526
1925	Biloxi	1720	1957	Gulfport	2619
1926	Bay St. Louis	1481	1958	Biloxi	2733
1927	Gulfport	1499	1959	Natchez	2781
1928	Natchez	1499	1960	Jackson	2900
1929	Pascagoula	1387	1961	Clarksdale	2888
1930	Biloxi	1208	1962	Hattiesburg	2930
1931	Jackson	1153	1963	Meridian	2978
1932	Vicksburg	1099	1964	Greenville	2878
1933	Bay St. Louis	1095	1965	Pascagoula	2885
1934	Vicksburg	1024	1966	Meridian	2882
1935	Biloxi	978	1967	Biloxi	2781
1936	Jackson	1080	1968	Long Beach	2768
1937	Gulfport	1066	1969	Jackson	2862
1938	Natchez	1032	1970	Gulfport	2792
1939	Pascagoula	988	1971	Natchez	2705
1940	Biloxi	1076			



Wear the Emblem





PRIEST EDUCATION FUND

In the minutes of the State Reports through the years there have been several cases where the education of future priests has been undertaken for the Diocese. However, in 1953 the four Gulf Coast (Bay St. Louis, Gulfport, Biloxi and Pascagoula), presented \$125.00 each to the Most Reverend R. O. Gerow, State Chaplain and Bishop of Natchez Jackson for the education of a seminarian. This was the start of a program passed at the 50th Annual State Convention and spearheaded by the late State Deputy Harvey L. Strayhan, and is still active. The following summary is given for your information.

Council No.	Location	Total Contribution	Council No.	Location	Total Contribution
802	Meridian	\$ 3,687.00	2945	Leland	\$ 5,155.00
848	Jackson	8,485.31	2969	Clarksdale	8,525.00
898	Vicksburg	10,200.00	3328	Yazoo City	5,170.25
1034	Natchez	9,551.00	4472	Pass Christian	315.00
1244	Biloxi	10,102.50	4583	McComb	1,010.00
1522	Bay St. Louis	8,027.00	4898	Long Beach	4,061.39
1583	Gulfport	11,550.00	5267	Greenwood	1,856.44
1605	Pascagoula	15,525.00	5556	Cleveland	1,900.00
1908	Hattiesburg	3,130.00	5654	Ocean Springs	1,250.00
2134	Greenville	6,352.03		Hattiesburg Squires	75.00
2180	Laurel	1,295.00		Pascagoula Squires	200.00
				Delagates--1961	30.00

GRAND TOTAL -----1953 - 1971 \$117,452.92

A check for the Priest Education Fund totaling \$5,842.50 being presented to the State Chaplain, Most Reverend Joseph B. Brunini, Bishop of Natchez-Jackson, May 10 1970. Witnessed by State Deputy Norman L. Kiehm and the Grand Knights of the State.



L. A. Koenenn, Sr., State Deputy presenting Bishop Joseph Brunini, State Chaplain a check in the amount of \$9,372.50 representing the Knights contribution to the Priest Education Fund for 1968.





PAST STATE DEPUTY'S ORGANIZATION OF MISSISSIPPI

ITS ORIGIN AND OBJECTIVES

During the past 10 or 12 years there were discussions from time to time as to finding ways and means of keeping the Past State Deputies of our Jurisdiction active in the affairs of the Order, and to have them attend the annual State Council meetings.

While the matter was frequently discussed and the idea considered of much merit by all, no definite steps were taken to form an organization until May 22, 1955 when State Deputy Harvey L. Strayhan was host to the Past State Deputies at a noon luncheon in Jackson. This was held on Sunday and in conjunction with the State Council meeting.

At the conclusion of the luncheon State Deputy Strayhan outlined the purpose of the meeting, stating in effect that the Past State Deputies should organize, and meet once each year, preferably in conjunction with the State Council meeting. The suggestion met with full approval and the group proceeded to organize into an association of its own.

The honored guest on this occasion was Supreme Director James M. Donohoe, of Huntington, West Va.

At the invitation of State Deputy Strayhan Brother Donohoe addressed the group, stating in effect that West Va. has such an organization and told of the fine work being done in conjunction with the State Council and that to encourage its activities the State Council pay the Past State Deputies attending the State Convention the regular per diem allowed the delegates, but no mileage.

State Deputy Strayhan was particularly impressed with the idea and stated that he would present the idea to the Committee on Resolutions for their consideration. The resolution was presented Monday morning and adopted. From that time PSD's attending the State Convention are paid the per diem rate in effect, for two days if they are present both days.

SD Strayhan stated that since the idea of the Past State Deputies organization has been fostered over the years by Past State Deputy John S. Cabibi, he would like to suggest that he be elected President, and PDS L. S. Koennen as Secretary. Motion to this effect was made by PSD John Myers, Laurel and unanimously approved.

Broadly speaking, the organization has the dual objective of social and advisory capacity.

Having received and we hope merited the highest honors the Order can give, short of the Supreme Council itself, these men have had much experience in the development, growth, prosperity and also the problems of the Order, so their experience should be of some value to their successors and to the State Council as a whole. To reach this high office, then drop completely out of circulation as has been the case with some of our PSD's is certainly a loss to the order, and an injustice to the individual.

Again these men all having the same honors, problems, etc., should have had much in common, and since they live in distant parts of the State, coming together once each year should be a source of much pleasure and satisfaction.

As an organization we have placed ourselves at the disposal of the State Council, and are ready and willing at all times to give it the benefit of our experience and counsel if called upon to do so.

The 1957 State Council meeting held in Gulfport empowered the State Deputy to appoint a Committee to revise and re-write the By-Laws for the Mississippi Jurisdiction.





Our organization was highly honored by the action of the Worthy State Deputy, Hilton A. Seymour in selecting the entire committee from our group. This committee composed of Past State Deputies John Myers, John Sommers, Jr., Harvey L. Strayhan, John S. Cabibi, and the writer as Chairman met in Hattiesburg on Nov. 10, 1957 and drafted these by-laws, then sent copies to the different Councils and State Officers for their inspection and comment.

At the 1958 State Council meeting held in Biloxi these by-laws were adopted and then sent to the Supreme Advocate for his approval. This was done on June 28, 1958 and immediately thereafter were in force in the Jurisdiction.

Attendance at our meetings has been good, with over 50% of the membership present each year. Each year we try to encourage more to participate. The fact that several are out of the State, and a few are not in physical condition to travel indicates that we have a very active group.

It should be noted for the record, that PSD Cabibi and Strayhan deserve much credit for actually starting the organization, an idea that had been in the making for many years, but never brought into being.

The above is the gist of the formation and purpose of our organization, as related by the writer to Hon. Jos. F. Lamb, Supreme Secretary at the 1958 meeting in Biloxi.

His Excellency, Most Rev. Bishop Gerow also present, asked that these remarks be put in writing and forwarded to him to be placed with the other State Council records in his custody.

Thus honored and privileged, we humbly submit the above as requested. Done in the City of Long Beach, Miss., this the 1st day of May, 1959.

L. A. Koennen, President

Past State Deputy's Association of Miss.

BY-LAWS

November 10, 1957

In accordance with State Deputy Hilton Seymour's letter of October 18, 1957 appointing a committee to make a thorough study of the present by-laws, then draw up a new set of by-laws, the committee met at Hattiesburg, Mississippi on Sunday, November 10, 1957.

Authority—Resolution No. 15 adopted at the fifty-third annual convention of the Mississippi State Council Knights of Columbus at Gulfport, Mississippi on May 4, 5, 6, 1957.

The committee was opened with prayer by Chairman L. A. Koennen at 10:30 A. M., with committee members John S. Cabibi, Harvey L. Strayhan, John Sommers, Jr., and John P. Myers present. The following are the proposed new by-laws:

BY-LAWS

MISSISSIPPI STATE COUNCIL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

ARTICLE I NAME AND JURISDICTION

This organization shall be known as the Mississippi State Council, Knights of Columbus, and its jurisdiction shall be co-extensive with the boundaries of the State of Mississippi.

ARTICLE II LEGISLATIVE POWERS

The State Council shall have power to enact and enforce all laws necessary and proper for its govern-

MISSISSIPPI STATE COUNCIL

ment and for the government of its subordinate councils, but no such laws shall be valid if the same shall be in conflict with the Constitution and laws of the Order.

ARTICLE III

MEETINGS OF THE STATE COUNCIL

Section 1: The Mississippi State Council, Knights of Columbus, shall be convened annually between the first day of April, to and including the first day of June in each year. The date of said annual meeting shall be determined by the State Deputy and State Chaplain. The regular notice of such annual meeting shall be given to each Subordinate Council by the State Secretary at least thirty (30) days prior to the date fixed therefor.

Section 2: **Place of Holding Annual Meeting:** The State Council, in annual Convention assembled, may determine the place of holding the next annual meeting, but upon its failure to so act, or upon the subsequent development that the city designated cannot hold the convention, then the State Officers shall fix the place of such annual meeting.

Section 3: **Purpose of Annual Meeting:** The State Council in Convention assembled shall elect State Officers, delegates and alternates to the Supreme Convention, receive reports of State Officers and Committees, discuss and act upon the affairs of the Order in the State, adopt policies and programs for the good and welfare of the Order, and transact such other business and enact such laws, rules and regulations as may





be consistent with the constitution and laws of the Order.

Section 4: Membership: The officers and members of the State Council shall be those provided for by the constitution and laws of the Order. Anyone not a member of the State Council will not have the privilege of the floor, unless by unanimous consent of the State Council meeting.

Section 5: Order of Business: The State Deputy shall call the State Council to order at 7:30 P. M. on Saturday evening and the following shall be the order of its business:

1. Call to order.
2. Taking of Password.
3. Prayer by Chaplain.
4. Reading of minutes.
5. Announcement of personnel of convention committees.
6. Reading of Grand Knights' reports of the activities of their councils.
7. Report of committee on credentials.
8. Reading of communications.
9. Report of State Chaplain.
10. Report of State Deputy.
11. Report of State Secretary.
12. Report of State Treasurer.
13. Report of State Advocate.
14. Reports of District Deputies.
15. Report of committee on resolutions.
16. Reports of other committees.
17. Election of State Officers, delegates and alternates to Supreme Convention.
18. Selection of next convention city.
19. Unfinished business.
20. New business.
21. Prayer by Chaplain.
22. Adjournment.

Section 6: Committees: The State Deputy shall appoint the following convention committees:

1. On Credentials—to consist of at least 3 members, of which the State Secretary shall be a member and chairman.
2. On Mileage and Per Diem—to consist of at least 3 members, of which the State Treasurer shall be a member and chairman.
3. On Resolutions—to consist of 5 members, which shall include when practicable, 1 Past State Deputy and 4 delegates.
4. Audit Committee—to audit the accounts of the State Treasurer and State Secretary, to consist of at least 3 members, as hereinafter provided.
5. All other committees for which provision has been duly and regularly made, or which may be deemed necessary to facilitate the work of the convention.

Section 7: State Deputy to Preside: The State Deputy shall preside at all sessions of the State Council, and shall be ex-officio, a member of all committees thereof, and shall perform such other duties as may be required of him by the State Council and the constitution and laws of the Order. In his absence, the most immediate Past State Deputy available shall preside in his stead over the meetings of the State Council.

Section 8: All sessions of the State Council shall be conducted in the third section.

Section 9: All State Officers, District Deputies, Grand Knights, and committees shall prepare their reports in typewritten form for submission to the State Secretary.

ARTICLE IV

PROCEEDINGS OF STATE COUNCIL

Section 1: State Secretary to Furnish Blanks: The State Secretary shall prepare and furnish to the Grand



Knights of each subordinate council on or before the first day of March in each year credential blanks for the ensuing annual meeting of the State Council.

Section 2: Roll of Convention: The State Secretary shall prepare a roll containing the names of all delegates and alternates from the credential blanks presented to and filed with him, which said roll shall be compiled and delivered to the State Deputy prior to the first session of the State Council, and said roll shall constitute the roll of the State Council until the report of the credentials committee has been submitted and the permanent roll determined by the action of the State Council.

Section 3: Delinquent Assessments: Subordinate Councils failing to pay any assessments levied by the State Council or Supreme Council, shall not be entitled to representation in the State Council until all such arrears are paid.

Section 4: The roll shall not be called to vote on any question other than an election, except upon the request of at least $\frac{1}{3}$ of the delegates eligible to vote at the session, expressed by standing vote.

Section 5: Expenses of Delegates: The expenses of the State Officers, delegates and District Deputies to the State Council Meeting will be 10¢ a mile one way, based on mileage figures furnished by the State Highway Department and \$10.00 a day per diem for 2 days. Past State Deputies in attendance, will be paid \$10.00 per diem for 2 days and no mileage.

ARTICLE V

POWERS AND DUTIES OF STATE OFFICERS

Section 1: State Deputy: The State Deputy shall preside at all sessions of the State Council and shall appoint all of its committees, except as otherwise herein provided. He shall be the chief executive of the Order in the State and possess all the powers and perform all the duties prescribed by the laws and rules of the Order and by these by-laws. He shall countersign all checks drawn against the funds of the State Council, in the hands of the State Treasurer, and none of the moneys or funds of the State Council shall be otherwise disbursed. He shall have power to call meetings of State Officers and all Committees provided for by the State Council, the expense thereof to be charged to the State Council on presentations of itemized statements, as in these by-laws provided, and he shall be ex-officio a member of all committees of the State Council.

Section 2: State Secretary: The State Secretary shall keep a true and faithful record of the proceedings of the State Council. He shall issue a notice of all assessments levied by the State Council and do all things necessary and proper to secure due payment thereof to the State Treasurer. He shall report in writing at the annual meeting of the State Council, and shall perform such other and different duties as the State Council or the State Deputy may from time to time lawfully assign him, and shall furnish the Committee on Resolutions with such information as may be required by it pertaining to the laws and affairs of the State Council, as the same may be of record in his office. The State Secretary shall prepare a complete printed report of the proceedings of the annual meeting of the State Council, and a copy of said report shall be furnished to each State Officer, District Deputy, Committee Chairmen and Grand Knights of the Mississippi Jurisdiction on or about the following July 1st.

Section 3: State Treasurer: The State Treasurer shall receive all moneys of the State Council and promptly deposit the same in the name of the Mississippi State Council, Knights of Columbus, in a depository designated by the State Officers, or a majority of them, and will promptly issue checks, countersigned by the State Deputy, in payment of accounts approved by the State Deputy.





Section 4: **State Advocate:** The State Advocate shall be the legal advisor to the State Council on all matters involving questions of law. It shall be the duty of the State Advocate, upon request, to advise the State Officers on all matters pertaining to the constitution and laws of the Order, and upon the constitutionality of any proposed law or resolution of the State Council.

Section 5: **State Chaplain:** The State Chaplain shall conduct all religious exercises of the State Council and shall advise the State Council and the officers thereof on matters of religion and Catholic practice, and proposed resolutions or laws of the State Council involving such matters shall be referred to him by the Resolutions Committee for his advice and counsel before same shall be referred to the convention. He shall make an annual report in writing to the State Council.

Section 6: **State Warden:** The State Warden shall act as warden of the State Council at all of its meetings and perform such further duties as may be lawfully required of him by the State Deputy and the State Council.

ARTICLE VI

STATE COUNCIL FINANCES

Section 1: **Manner of Payment:** All checks, drafts, money orders, or other commercial paper or obligations of any kind or character owing to the State Council shall be made payable to the Mississippi State Council, Knights of Columbus, and all withdrawals, of its funds from the authorized depository shall also be in the name of the Mississippi State Council, Knights of Columbus, by written check signed by the State Treasurer and countersigned by the State Deputy.

Section 2: **Levy of Assessments:** The per capita assessment by the State Council shall operate upon the membership as of March 1st of each year. On the March 1st assessment the Councils shall be billed by the following April 1st and said assessment shall be based upon the membership figures furnished by the Supreme Council as of record on March 1st and shall be due and payable not later than 10 days prior to date of State Council meeting. All other assessments levied by the State Council shall be due and payable sixty days after the date of levy, unless otherwise duly provided.

Section 3: **State Council Expenses:** The State Treasurer is authorized to pay out of the general fund of the State Council all sums necessary to pay the appropriations authorized and made by the State Council, the expense of the State Council Meeting, the authorized expenses of officers and committees, and all other duly authorized expenses, but no such payment shall be made of any item of expense unless and until a properly itemized statement thereof shall be filed with the State Deputy.

Section 4: **Per Capita Tax:** The per capita tax of the Mississippi State Council shall be 75¢ per member per year, in accordance with Sec. 118, paragraphs C & D of Supreme Council by-laws, provided however, the per capita tax may be changed by the $\frac{2}{3}$ vote of the State Council meeting or as otherwise provided in these by-laws.

ARTICLE VII

ELECTIONS

Section 1: **Rules:** The election of the State Officers and delegates and alternates to the Supreme Convention shall be held in a manner to comply in all respects with the constitution and laws of the Order.

Section 2: **Nominations:** All nominations of officers, delegates and alternates shall be made from the floor. No nominating speech shall exceed 5 minutes unless a different rule be established by majority vote of the

meeting. Second shall be limited to stating their name and council.

Section 3: **Tellers:** Three tellers shall be appointed by the presiding officer to assist with the balloting. The counting of ballots shall be open to all duly qualified third degree members of the Mississippi Jurisdiction.

Section 4: **Unanimous Ballot:** When only one candidate is nominated for any office, the State Council may, upon proper motion, direct the State Secretary to cast a unanimous ballot for such candidate, without balloting.

Section 5: **Order of Election:** The order of election shall be as follows: State Deputy—State Secretary—State Treasurer—State Advocate—State Warden—Delegates to the Supreme Convention—Alternates to said delegates.

Section 6: **Manner of Conducting:** When the nominations shall have been closed for each state office, the names of the candidates for that office shall be written in large letters on a blackboard so as to be plainly legible to all delegates, and plain sheets of paper shall be distributed to each delegate with instructions to write thereon just one name, the choice of that delegate for that particular office. When the nominations for delegates to the Supreme Convention shall have been closed, the names of all those so nominated shall be plainly written on the blackboard, and the delegates shall write on their ballot the exact number of names for the position to be filled, and shall cast the same in one ballot. The same procedure shall be followed in the election of alternates, who shall be designated in the order of their preference, according to the vote electing them, provided that only insurance alternates shall fill vacancies for insurance representatives. In case of a tie vote, the State Deputy shall designate which one shall serve. In the selection of the next convention city, the names of the cities that have invited the next convention shall be written on the blackboard, and each delegate shall write on his plain ballot the name of one of these cities as his choice.

Section 7: **Balloting:** Where a contest exists for any position to be filled, the voting shall, in all cases, be done by secret, written ballot. The balloting shall be done in the following manner. The State Secretary shall call, from the permanent roll of the State Council Meeting, the names of those persons entitled to vote and as each name is called, such member will step forward, be identified by the tellers, and deposit his ballot in the receptacle provided therefor.

Section 8: **Majority:** In all cases of election to any State Office, a majority of all votes cast shall be necessary to elect. In the event there are more than two candidates for a single office, and a ballot fails to produce a majority for any candidate, written balloting shall continue with the candidate receiving the smallest vote on the preceding ballot being dropped from the following ballot until a candidate shall have received a majority of all votes cast.

Section 9: **Who Shall Nominate:** Any member entitled to the floor at the State Council Meeting may nominate a candidate for any office to be filled.

ARTICLE VIII

EMERGENCY PROVISION IN THE EVENT THE STATE COUNCIL MEETING CANNOT BE HELD

In the event, by reason of law, government edict, war, or other proper cause, no annual meeting of the State Council is held in any year or succession of years, the following regulations shall apply to the functioning of the State Council until the next State Council Meeting shall be held:

Section 1: All State Officers shall continue in office as if reelected until their successors have been duly





elected and qualified. Vacancies arising in State Offices shall be filled by a majority vote of the State Officers, in meeting assembled, the person so elected to hold office for the balance of the term of the office he succeeds, and until his successor is elected and qualified.

Section 2: The state per capita tax set at the last State Meeting shall remain in effect until the next State Meeting is held, except as hereinafter provided.

Section 3: All annual appropriations provided for at the last State Meeting shall be deemed renewed from year to year, except as hereinafter provided.

Section 4: All resolutions of the last State Meeting directing the carrying on of any activity, or vesting an authority in a particular person or committee, shall be deemed renewed from year to year, except as hereinafter provided.

Section 5: To provide for conditions not anticipated at the last previous Annual Meeting, the State Officers are vested with the following powers affecting the foregoing provisions:

- a. They may adjust the state per capita tax from year to year, but not to exceed the tax set at the last Annual Meeting.
- b. They may reduce or eliminate the appropriation made for any committee or purpose, in accordance with changing conditions.
- c. They may create new committees needed to meet a need not anticipated at the last Annual Meeting.

Section 6: State Officers and Committee Chairmen shall continue to make their annual reports in writing, which shall be printed and a copy sent to each Council about July 1 of each year.

Section 7: In the event authorization is needed to carry on the functions of the State Council which goes beyond the authority herein vested, the State Deputy shall submit a resolution covering the authority needed to all the Councils in the state. The adoption of such resolution by a majority of the Councils in the state shall have the same force and effect as if said resolution was adopted at a meeting of the State Council.

ARTICLE IX

AMENDMENTS AND RULES OF ORDER

Section 1: **Amendments:** These by-laws or any part thereof, may be amended or repealed at any regular meeting of the State Council by a two-thirds vote of the persons qualified to vote at said meeting. Provided, however, that where notice of a proposed amendment to these by-laws shall have been given, by mail, to the Grand Knight of each subordinate council in the Mississippi Jurisdiction, at least 60 days prior to the date set for the opening of the Annual Meeting, the amendment covered by such notice may be adopted by a majority vote of the members qualified to vote at such meeting.

Section 2: **Void By-Laws: Severability:** Any by-law, or portion thereof officially determined to be in conflict with the constitution and laws of our Order, shall be forthwith null and void. All provisions hereof not effected by such determination shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 3: **Suspension of By-Laws:** Any of these by-laws may be suspended at any session of the State Council by a two-thirds vote of the members present at the session in which the motion for suspension is made.

Section 4: **Majority Vote:** A majority of the members of the State Council shall constitute a quorum. Except where otherwise provided in these by-laws or by the constitution and laws of our Order, a majority vote of the members present at any Annual Meeting of the State Council shall prevail on any question.

Section 5: **Robert's Rules of Order:** Except as otherwise provided herein and in the absence of a standing rule, Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the proceedings of the State Council.

Section 6: All previous by-laws and amendments are hereby repealed and revoked as of date of ratification of these by-laws by the State Council Meeting.

The committee meeting adjourned at 3:00 P. M.

L. A. KOENENN, Chairman
JOHN S. CABIBI
HARVEY L. STRAYHAN
JOHN SOMMERS, JR.
JOHN P. MYERS

Approved by the State Council on April 21, 1958.

Approved by the Board of Directors June 28, 1958.

HAROLD J. LAMBOLEY,
Supreme Advocate.

Proposed Resolution to Amend the Mississippi State Council By-Laws:

Whereas: The Past State Deputies, duly qualified members of the Mississippi State Council, have offered and will continue to offer the benefit of their accumulated knowledge and experience to the duly elected officers, and,

Whereas: The present wording of Subject 3, Section 6, Article III (On Resolutions, etc.) limits the membership of said committee to one Past State Deputy, and,

Whereas: The present wording omits a provision specifying that the State Advocate shall be the Chairman, therefore,

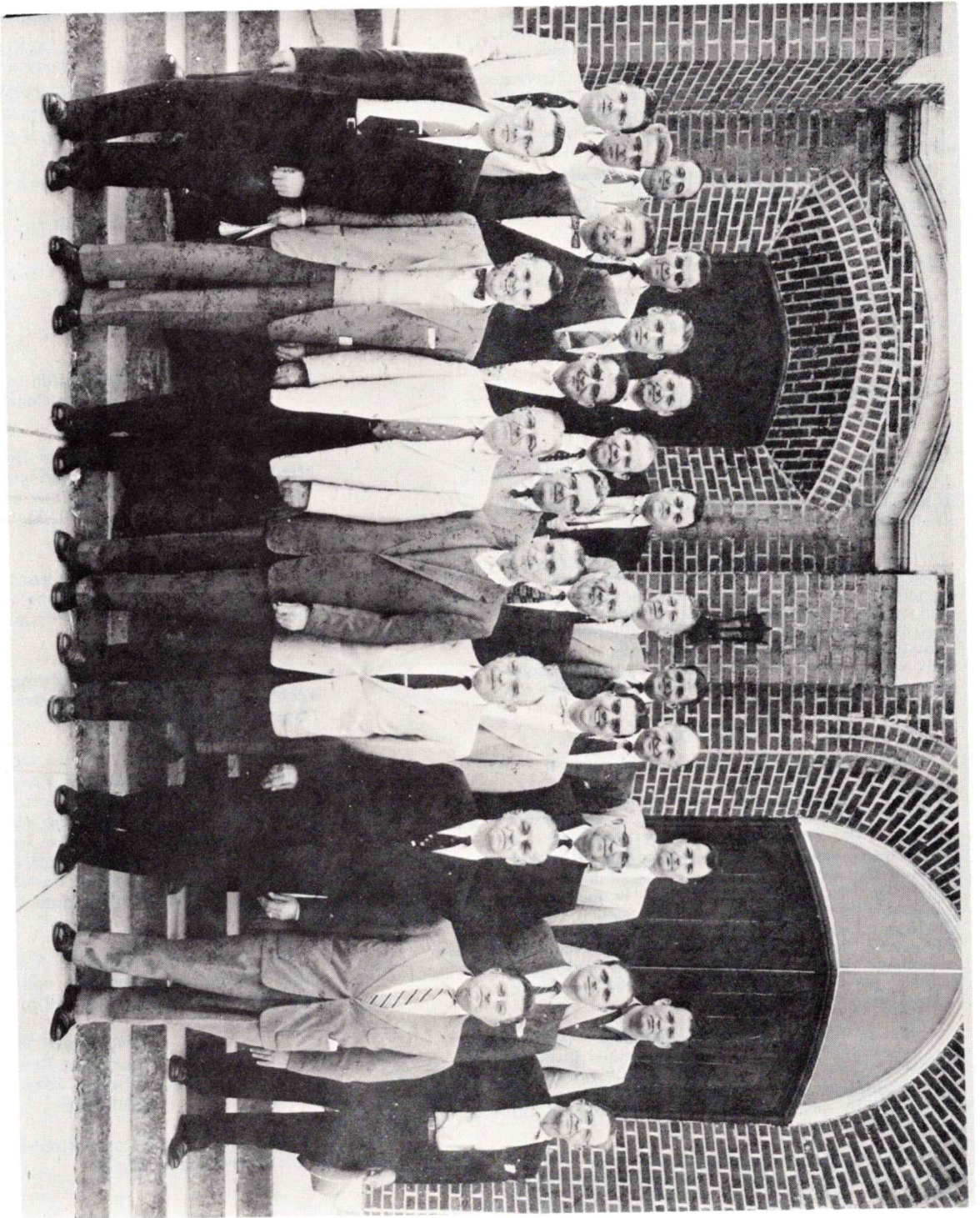
Be It Resolved; That the words, "which shall include when practicable, 1 Past State Deputy and 4 delegates", in Subject 3, Section 6, Article III, be deleted and that the following words be substituted in lieu thereof, "of which the State Advocate shall be a member and chairman, and which shall include when practicable 2 or more Past State Deputies, one of which shall be the immediate Past State Deputy", and

Be It Further Resolved; That this resolution shall become effective upon approval by the State Council and the Supreme Board of Directors.

Respectfully Submitted;
Past State Deputies Association,
Hilton A. Seymour, P.S.D.
Chairman

Resolution #13 (1963 Convention) approved by Board of Directors August 17, 1964.

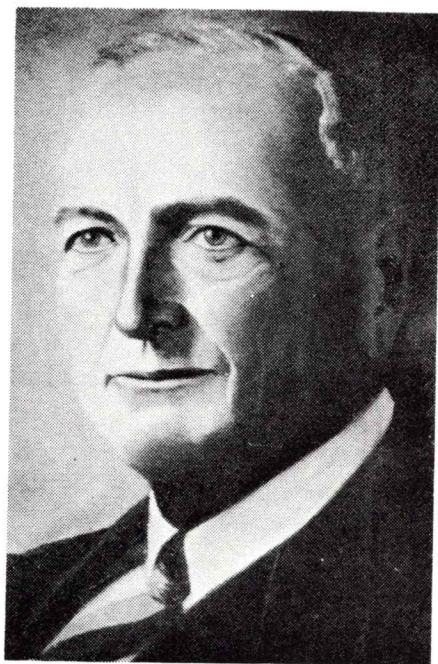




A State Meeting attended by Past State Deputies, District Deputies, and Grand Knights held in Hattiesburg, Mississippi on November 10, 1957. It was at this meeting that the By-Laws were drafted.



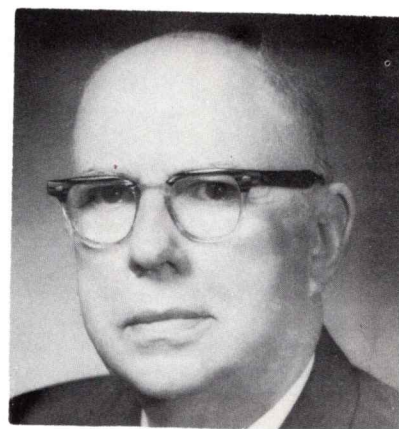
Past State Deputies



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1905-1906



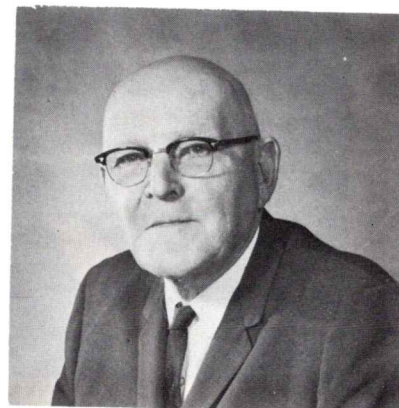
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C. B. Boone
1930-1931



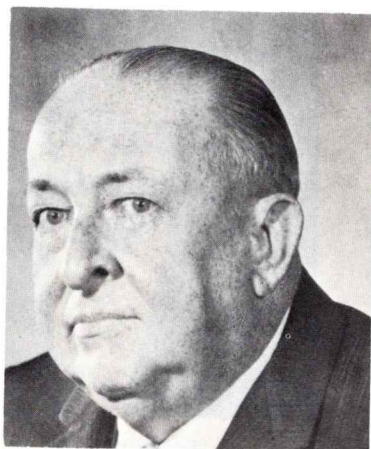
J. M. Ros
1931-1932



A. A. O'Neil
1937-1939



John S. Cabibi
1939-1941



John H. Hermann
1944-1946



L. A. Koenenn, Sr.
1946-1948
1967-1969





Past State Deputies



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1948-1950



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1950-1952



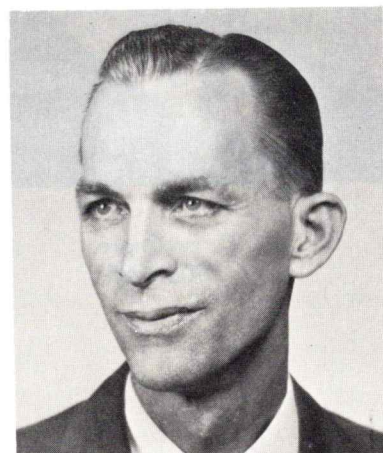
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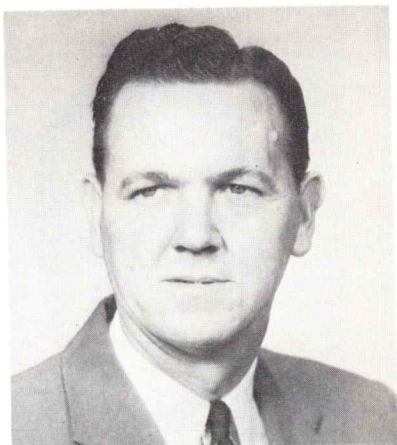
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1954-1955
1959-1960



John E. Sommers
1955-1957



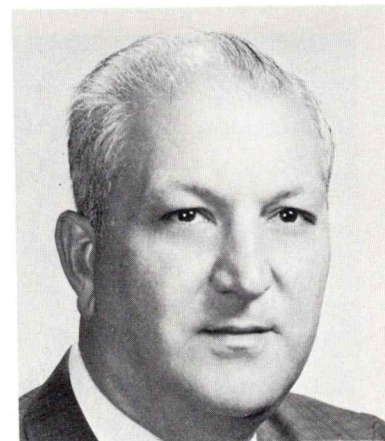
Hilton A. Seymour
1957-1959



Vernon DeJean
1960-1961



E. P. Shapley
1961-1963



Charles Sherman
1965-1967

*Photographs of other Past State Deputies not available. See List on page 134.





HISTORY OF THE FOURTH DEGREE IN MISSISSIPPI

The Fourth Degree in Mississippi has experienced two broad periods of development. The first involving its foundation was followed by a period of inactivity and the second, beginning in the decade of the 1940's, was characterized by a revival of activity and an increase in the number of assemblies and the creation of a separate District of Mississippi in the Bienville Province.

Records in the Supreme Office attest to the establishment of the Jackson General Assembly, comprising Fourth Degree members from Councils 802, 848, 1157, and 1908, in the year 1919. According to a program preserved in the Council Chamber of John T. Savage Council No. 848, the exemplification of 153 candidates took place on July 6, 1919 and was conducted by Sir Knight Louis W. Peterson, Worthy Master of Mississippi, Louisiana, and Alabama. This General Assembly functioned for a few years, became inactive, and then was reorganized as the Bishop Gerow General Assembly in 1944.

A second early center of Fourth Degree activity was on the Gulf Coast where for many years candidates were initiated into the Degree in Mobile or New Orleans. On July 4, 1920, 115 candidates were received into the degree in an exemplification held in Biloxi. The result was the establishment of the D'Iberville General Assembly which recently celebrated its fiftieth anniversary. This Assembly functioned for twelve or fifteen years with no additional exemplifications and then became inactive until 1941 when Fourth Degree members from Bay St. Louis, Gulfport, and Biloxi held a reorganizational meeting which reactivated the Assembly.

The revival of the Assemblies in Jackson and on the Coast in the 1940's was matched by an expansion of Fourth Degree activity throughout the State despite the limitations imposed on travel by the circumstances of World War II. This expansion also involved frequent and confusing shifts in the designation of Assemblies as to names and as to their nature as General or Local Assemblies.

Natchez Local Assembly No. 1034 was established in January, 1942. In the same year Vicksburg Local Assembly No. 898 was formed. The year 1944 marks the revival of Fourth Degree activity in Jackson with the formation of the Bishop Gerow General Assembly and 1946 wit-

nessed the establishment of Msgr. J. J. Igoe General Assembly in Greenville. By 1947 the number of Fourth Degree members on the Coast warranted the creation of Brother Peter General Assembly in Bay St. Louis which included Fourth Degree members from Gulfport. In 1952 the name of this Assembly was changed to Monsignor Gmelch General Assembly and it was again redesignated as Pere Le Duc Local Assembly No. 1522 when, in 1956, the Gulfport members established Bishop Gunn Assembly No. 1583. The decade closed out with the formation of Ponce De Leon General Assembly comprising Laurel and Hattiesburg Fourth Degree Knights in 1949.

This spate of formation of new assemblies was followed by a decade of relative stability with a renewed and reorganization commencing in 1959. In that year the Ponce De Leon General Assembly divided into its constituencies to form Laurel Local Assembly No. 2180 and Bishop Fahey Local Assembly No. 1908 in Hattiesburg. Clarksdale Local Assembly No. 2969 was created by members of Msgr. J. J. Igoe General Assembly in 1960 followed by the formation of Pascagoula Local Assembly No. 1605 in 1962. The result of this latter development was a change in status for the D'Iberville General Assembly which became Biloxi Local Assembly No. 1244. However, it reverted to its former designation as a General Assembly in 1965 with the creation of Fred L. Westbrook, Sr. Council No. 5654 whose Fourth Degree members affiliated with the D'Iberville General Assembly. In January, 1965, Msgr. J. J. Burns Local Assembly No. 802 was formed in Meridian and in July, 1969 Father Rotondo Council No. 5556 became the thirteenth Assembly in the District of Mississippi.

Since 1943, when the District of Mississippi was separated from the District of Louisiana to form a district unit in Bienville Province, the Fourth Degree in this State has enjoyed outstanding leadership. The first Master was August J. Stone of Natchez who was serving as Master of the Louisiana-Mississippi District at the time of the separation. He also served concurrently as State Deputy of the Mississippi Jurisdiction. The office of Master has since been filled by the following outstanding members of the Degree: John D. Evans of Vicksburg, 1945-1950; Cornelius C. Boone of Jackson,





1950-1956; L. A. Koenenn, Sr. of Long Beach, 1956-1967; and Fritz J. Oberlies of Gulfport, the present Master. As in the case of Former Master Koenenn also served a brief concurrent term as State Deputy.

Under the leadership of these outstanding Masters the Fourth Degree has consistently admitted outstanding Third Degree members of the Order to its ranks, carried on actively the normal programs of the Degree, and sponsored several outstanding projects on a State-wide basis.

Exemplification of the Degree has been held regularly, as often as twice a year, since 1957. The Degree Team, organized by Former Master Koenenn in 1956, is composed of members of Bishop Gunn Local Assembly No. 1583 and has continued to function since its formation.

Most Assemblies maintain formal Honor Guards, equipped with capes and chapeaux, which participate in formal Church functions involving the Bishop and visiting Church dignitaries. Programs promoting the ideal of Patriotism comprise a large measure of the activities of all Assemblies.

In 1957 three State-wide projects which have been supported continuously were adopted by the Fourth Degree. The first involves financial support for the education of seminarians and religious novices in the Holy Land. To date, six nuns and two priests have been the beneficiaries of this project. The second program is the annual sponsorship of a Catholic information booth at the Mississippi State Fair. All assemblies provide financial support for this project and the Bishop Gerow General Assembly of Jackson provides the personnel to staff the booth. Finally, in a more spiritual vein, the Fourth Degree in the State join in a corporate communion on the Feast of Christ the King for the intention of the repose of the souls of all deceased Sir Knights in the District and for increased devotion to the Holy Rosary.

As the Fourth Degree in the District of Mississippi moves into the decade of the seventies it renews its dedication to its purposes and programs born of a confidence that Christian gentlemen, organized, well-led, and inspired by the teachings of Holy Faith, can help make this world a better place to live.



Worthy Master Fritz J. Oberlies presents the Charter for Father Rotondo Local Assembly No. 5566 to Faithful Navigator W. F. LaForge as the following charter members look on (l to r) John Aguzzi, Victor Aguzzi, Phillip Rizzo, William N. LaForge, Jack Dempsey, Rev. John Leonard, David Work, Joe Aguzzi, George Guereri, Ned Fioranelli, and Eugene Tarsi.

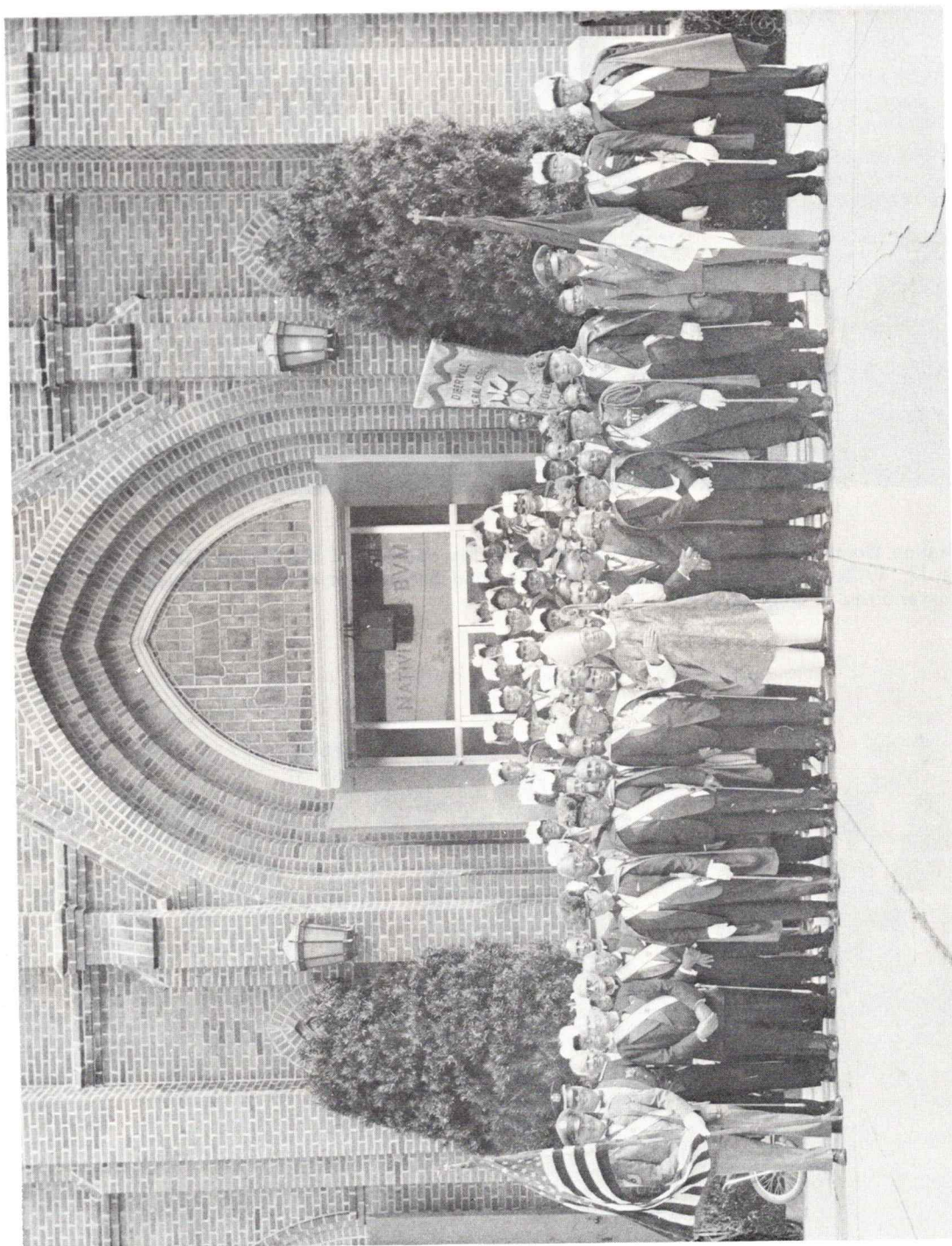




The occasion of Bishop Brunini's delivering the Invocation at the opening of the Shrine Circus at Gulfport , Mississippi on August 13, 1970. This first example of Knights and Shriners to exercise ecumenism in Mississippi was arranged by Master Fritz J. Oberlies.



Fourth Degree Honor Guard of Pere Le Duc and Bishop Gunn Assemblies, honoring Most Rev. John E. Taylor, O.M.I., Bishop of Stockholm, Sweden on the occasion of his visit to Our Lady of the Snow Seminary, Pine Hills, where he formerly served as the first Rector of that institution. He is a member of the Bishop Gunn General Assembly.



Golden Jubilee Class of D'Iberville General Assembly of Biloxi -- July 4, 1970.





Meetings
Second and Fourth
Mondays
of Each Month

Knights of Columbus

BISHOP R. O. GEROW COUNCIL, No. 1034

P.O. Box 154

Natchez, Mississippi 39120

WHEREAS our Most. Rev. Bishop R. O. Gerow, S. T. D., a member of Bishop R. O. Gerow Council No. 1034, faithfully served our State Council as Chaplain in excess of fifty years, and

WHEREAS at his retirement Bishop Gerow was rightfully named as Chaplain Emeritus of the State Council, and

WHEREAS Bishop Gerow is dearly loved by all of the members of the Knights of Columbus in the State of Mississippi, and

WHEREAS On Monday May 3, 1971, Bishop Gerow will observe his 86 th. birthday, now therefore be it

RESOLVED The Mississippi State Council of the Knights of Columbus convened in Natchez, Mississippi on May 1, 1971 wishes our beloved Bishop R. O. Gerow the very best in the observance of his birthday, and be it further

RESOLVED we respectfully request our Beloved Bishop R. O. Gerow remember all of us in his prayers

State Secretary

State Deputy



Grand Knight W. G. Schilhab of the John T. Savage Council No. 848 Delivering a Resolution to Bishop R. O. Gerow, Chaplain Emeritus, upon his 86th Birthday.





STATE OFFICERS OF MISSISSIPPI STATE COUNCIL FROM 1905-1971

State Deputy	State Secretary	State Treasurer	State Advocate	State Warden	State Chaplain
1905-06 Chas. F. Engle, 1034	W. A. Clarke	S. E. Treanor, 898	J. T. Savage, 848	James A. Grillo, 1034	Rev. Dermody
1906-07 Chas. R. Shannon, 802	W. A. Clarke	S. E. Treanor, 898	J. T. Savage	James A. Grillo	Rev. Dermody
1907-08 S. E. Treanor, 898	Wm. L. Jaquith	J. A. Grillo	W. J. Shea	J. B. Farrell, 802	Rev. Dermody
1908-09 S. E. Treanor	J. A. Grillo	P. H. Prieur	E. L. Duke, 1244	W. F. Duffy	Rev. Dermody
1909-10 Geo. F. M. McDonnell, 848	J. A. Grillo	P. H. Prieur	E. L. Duke	J. C. Hamilton, 898	Rev. Dermody
1910-11 E. L. Duke, 1244	Ed. J. Spengler	Ed. J. Spengler	E. J. Gex, 1522	Thomas J. Spengler, 1034	Rev. Dermody
1911-12 E. L. Duke, 1244	Ed. J. Spengler	Ed. J. Spengler	P. W. Mulvihill, 1034	John Connors, 1522	Rev. Dermody
1912-13 J. C. Hamilton, 898	John Farrell	John Farrell	P. H. Rodriguez, 1605	O. J. Dedeaux, 1522	Rev. John Prendergast
1913-14 J. C. Hamilton, 898	John Farrell	John Farrell	P. H. Rodriguez	J. O. Mauffray, 1522	Rev. John Prendergast
1914-15 J. O. Mauffray, 1522	James G. French, 898	A. A. Kergosien, 1522	P. H. Rodriguez	J. H. Culkins	Rev. John Prendergast
1915-16 J. O. Mauffray	John Farrell	A. A. Kergosien, 1522	P. H. Rodriguez	G. O. Korndorffer, 1034	Rev. John Prendergast
1916-17 J. H. Culkins, 898	J. W. Porter, 898	E. P. O'Flynn, 802	H. S. Saucier, 1522	G. O. Korndorffer	Rev. O'Reilly
1917-18 J. H. Culkins	J. W. Porter, 898	E. P. O'Flynn, 802	H. S. Saucier	G. O. Korndorffer	Bishop J. A. Gunn
1918-19 J. H. Culkins	John Schwenc, 1244	E. P. O'Flynn, 802	H. S. Saucier	G. O. Korndorffer	Bishop J. A. Gunn
1919-20 J. H. Culkins	John Schwenc, 1244	K. J. Johnson, 802	H. S. Saucier	G. O. Korndorffer	Bishop J. A. Gunn
1920-21 Nick Conti, 898	John Schwenc, 1244	K. J. Johnson	C. S. Street, 2180	H. S. Saucier	Bishop J. A. Gunn
1921-22 John Schwenc, 1244	C. J. Kinsella, 2134	K. J. Johnson	C. S. Street	H. G. Peters, 848	Rev. John Prendergast
1922-23 John Schwenc	C. C. Adams, 802	G. O. Korndorffer	O. J. Dedeaux	H. G. Peters	Rev. J. Bowe
1923-24 Nick Conti, 898	E. J. Lueckenback, 2134	G. O. Korndorffer	J. T. Savage	P. Bugna, 1583	Bishop R. O. Gerow
1924-25 Nick Conti	E. J. Lueckenback	G. O. Korndorffer	J. T. Savage	P. Bugna	Bishop R. O. Gerow
1925-26 Nick Conti	E. J. Lueckenback	G. O. Korndorffer	J. C. Hanway, 2134	J. O. Mauffray	Bishop R. O. Gerow
1926-27 Thomas A. McKenna, 1034	E. J. Lueckenback	G. O. Korndorffer	R. F. Evans, 898	J. Ros, 1605	Bishop R. O. Gerow
1927-28 Thomas A. McKenna	E. J. Lueckenback	G. O. Korndorffer	R. F. Evans	J. Ros	Bishop R. O. Gerow
1928-29 Thomas A. McKenna	E. J. Lueckenback	G. O. Korndorffer	J. F. Henry, 848	John S. Cabibi, 1583	Bishop R. O. Gerow
1929-30 Thomas A. McKenna	E. J. Lueckenback	G. O. Korndorffer	J. F. Henry	John S. Cabibi	Bishop R. O. Gerow
1930-31 C. B. Boone, 848	A. G. Farve, 1522	G. O. Korndorffer	E. E. Horgan, 802	Innocent Loyacano, 2134	Bishop R. O. Gerow
1931-32 John M. Ros, 1605	A. G. Farve	G. O. Korndorffer	A. E. Tucker, 898	Nicholas Cassino, 898	Bishop R. O. Gerow
1932-33 A. G. Farve, 1522	John S. Cabibi	G. O. Korndorffer	A. E. Tucker	Nicholas Cassino	Bishop R. O. Gerow
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1935-36 John A. O'Keefe	John S. Cabibi	G. O. Korndorffer	A. E. Tucker	James Velcich	Bishop R. O. Gerow
1936-37 John A. O'Keefe	John S. Cabibi	G. O. Korndorffer	A. E. Tucker	James Velcich	Bishop R. O. Gerow
1937-38 A. A. O'Neil, 898	John S. Cabibi	G. O. Korndorffer	A. E. Tucker	S. J. Savarese, 1583	Bishop R. O. Gerow
1938-39 A. A. O'Neil	John S. Cabibi	G. O. Korndorffer	A. E. Tucker	Albert Ragusin, 1244	Bishop R. O. Gerow
1939-40 John S. Cabibi, 1583	August J. Stone, 1034	A. A. Scafide, 1522	Rudolph Adams, 898	Joseph Reilly, 2134	Bishop R. O. Gerow
1940-41 John S. Cabibi	August J. Stone	W. J. Foley, 898	Chas. S. Lang, 848	Emil Nick, 2134	Bishop R. O. Gerow
1941-42 August J. Stone, 1034	John O. Grant, Jr., 1605	John H. Hermann	Thomas J. Wiltz, 1244	Frank Barhanovich, 1244	Bishop R. O. Gerow
1942-43 August J. Stone	John O. Grant, Jr.	John H. Hermann	Philip E. Lieb, 848	Frank Barhanovich	Bishop R. O. Gerow
1943-44 August J. Stone	L. A. Koenenn, 1583	John H. Hermann	Wm. H. Miller, 848	Fred L. Herlihy, 1522	Bishop R. O. Gerow
1944-45 John H. Hermann, 898	L. A. Koenenn	John H. Hermann	Frank M. Rosella, 2134	Vincent Ros, 1605	Bishop R. O. Gerow
1945-46 John H. Hermann	L. A. Koenenn	John H. Hermann	Salvador Mauceli, 2134	James Lillo, 2945	Bishop R. O. Gerow
1946-47 L. A. Koenenn, 1583	T. N. Knapp	John F. Smith, 1034	T. N. Knapp, 802	Thomas Gorman, 2945	Bishop R. O. Gerow
1947-48 L. A. Koenenn	T. N. Knapp	John F. Smith	J. F. Schwierjohn, 1908	W. P. Harrington, 1908	Bishop R. O. Gerow
1948-49 Semmes Luckett, 2969	John Myers, 2180	B. A. Saway, 848	Chas. Rafferty, 898	W. P. Harrington	Bishop R. O. Gerow
1949-50 Semmes Luckett	John Myers	B. A. Saway	Louis Carron, 1244	W. P. Harrington	Bishop R. O. Gerow
1950-51 John Myers, 2180	John Myers	Rufus Mock, 2134	Louis Carron	J. T. McCaleb, 1583	Bishop R. O. Gerow
1951-52 John Myers	John Myers	Rufus Mock	Vernon DeJean, 1605	J. T. McCaleb	Bishop R. O. Gerow
1952-53 John F. Smith, 1034	John O. Grant, Jr.	Raymond Burst, 848	Vernon DeJean	Charles Simon, 1244	Bishop R. O. Gerow
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1954-55 Harvey L. Strayhan, 848	John E. Sommers	John E. Sommers, 2969	Currie C. Garner	T. W. Liberto, 2180	Bishop R. O. Gerow
1955-56 John E. Sommers, 2969	John E. Sommers	John E. Sommers	M. A. Ward, 802	Lawrence Mensi, 1583	Bishop R. O. Gerow
1956-57 John E. Sommers	John E. Sommers	George B. Downey, 898	M. A. Ward	Joseph Steimreide, 3328	Bishop R. O. Gerow
1957-58 Hilton A. Seymour	Raymond V. Kimble, 2134	George B. Downey	C. G. Brenke, 1908	Edward D. Murtagh, 1522	Bishop R. O. Gerow
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1959-60 Harvey L. Strayhan	John Q. Lambert	E. P. Shapley, 2945	Sidney P. Saucier, 898	James W. Buchanan, 892	Bishop R. O. Gerow
1960-61 Vernon DeJean	John Q. Lambert	Lawrence Mensi	Sidney P. Saucier, 898	Gus J. Mailey, 2180	Bishop R. O. Gerow
1961-62 E. P. Shapley	Vernon DeJean	Bill Abbott, 4583	Julius Melsheimer, 898	Charles Simon	Bishop R. O. Gerow
	A. J. Matthews, Jr., 2969	W. A. Seller, 1583	Axel Voss, 1034		



1962-63	E. P. Shapley, 2134	A. F. Matthews, Jr.,	W. A. Sellier	A. C. Favard, 4898	V. O. Banchetti, 898	Bishop R. O. Gerow
1963-64	Fred L. Westbrook, Jr., 1244	Axel Voss	Mack Hudson, 1605	Norman L. Kiehm, 802	George Heitzmann, 1322	Bishop R. O. Gerow
1964-65	Fred L. Westbrook, Jr., 1244	Thomas Piazza, 1034	Mack Hudson	Norman L. Kiehm	George Heitzmann	Bishop R. O. Gerow
1965-66	Charles Sherman, 2134	Mack Hudson	Norman Kiehm	George Heitzmann	C. Medric Warren, 848	Bishop R. O. Gerow
1966-67	Charles Sherman, 2134	Mack Hudson	C. Medric Warren, 848	R. D. Schroeder, 1244	Leon Shapley, 2945	Bishop R. O. Gerow*
1967-68	L. A. Koenenn, Sr., 4898	Norman L. Kiehm	Leon Shapley, 2945	John Laurenzi, 2969	C. Medric Warren	Bishop Joseph B. Brunini
1968-69	L. A. Koenenn, Sr.	Norman L. Kiehm	Henry Foggo, 1034	James Bolander, 2180	Willie J. Adam, Sr., 1583	Bishop Joseph B. Brunini
1969-70	Norman L. Kiehm	A. Tuminelle, Jr., 2134	Henry Foggo, 1034	James Bolander	Willie J. Adam, Sr., 1583	Bishop Joseph B. Brunini
1970-71	Norman L. Kiehm	William L. LaForge, 5556	Henry Foggo, 1034			

*Bishop R. O. Gerow was voted the title of State Chaplain Emeritus, for life, in 1967.

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HIDDEN TALENT

The average Council Activity Chairman would be surprised at the talent that lies "buried" in his Council! Simply because some of the members do not attend meetings faithfully does not signify they would not eagerly accept invitations to participate in a challenging and timely council-sponsored program if their capabilities are brought to light and mobilized for action.

Ecumenism, crime, atomic energy, air-pollution, the space program, health, auto safety, etc., are all subjects of current and vital interest to all of us. We read of these topics constantly and a discussion of them by responsible and knowledgeable people can add immeasurably to our own knowledge. It is reasonable to assume that there are members in your Council qualified to speak authoritatively on some of the subjects and who would welcome the opportunity to lead a discussion as part of the COUNCIL ACTIVITY program for the month. Of course, if such experts are not listed on the council roster there is nothing to prevent your going outside—to the community, government agencies, professional ranks, etc.—for help in setting up such a program.



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